1977-1979-Branch & Executive Minutes: Socialist League & Forward Group
**items listed only, in archive file binder "Executive and Old Branch Minutes book")*

1977

1977-01Jan3a	SL Exec. Report: Membership, Next Year Country, Staffing, Educational
1977-01Jan3b	Minutes of Branch: Exec report: RD in bookstore full-time, New Years social
1977-01Jan9	Minutes of Branch: Membership (Staffing), Educational & Campus reports
1977-01Jan16	Minutes of Branch: Executive report (personnel), CARAL, NDP reports
1977-01Jan23	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Trade Union Report, NDP report
1977-01Jan30a	Minutes of Branch: NDP report, Branch meetings, Campus, CARAL
1977-02Feb6	Minutes of Branch: Campus, Trade Union, Educational reports; Damien rally
**1977-Feb12*	*Executive meeting: Constituent Assembly call; Gay Liberation, Campus*
1977-02Feb13	Minutes of Branch: Campus, Forward, Educational, CARAL reports
**1977-Feb20*	*AM-Executive meeting: Membership, Educational, NDP, Staffing centre*
1977-02Feb20a	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Educational, Executive reports
1977-02Feb27	Minutes of Branch: Trade Union, Educational, NDP reports, Women's fraction
1977-03Mar6	SL Organizer's reports: Educational, Social
1977-03Mar13-1a	Executive meeting: Financial report, Staffing
1977-03Mar13-2	Minutes of Branch: Womens, NDP, Educational reports
**1977-03Mar20*	*Minutes of Branch: Educational, Campus fraction reports*
1977-03Mar27	Minutes of Branch: York Conference; NDP, Educational
**1977-Mar27*	*(handwritten by Abie W.) Minutes of Editorial Board meeting (6 pp)*
1977-04Apr4	Minutes of Branch: Campus report, York conference, Educational
**1977-Apr10*	*Executive meeting: Financial, ONDP Women's conference, Labor; Pamphlets*
1977-04Apr11	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Labour Report, Educational, CARAL demo
**1977-Apr17*	*Executive meeting: Membership, Educational, Summer schedule*
1977-04Apr18a	Minutes of Branch: Fund Drive report, Labour Council, Membership

1977-04Apr24	Executive meeting: Committee for a New constitution (NDP), CARAL
1977-04Apr25	Minutes of Branch: Executive, Social, Educational reports, CARAL, Forward
*1977-May3	*Executive meeting: Membership, Fund drive, Educational, ND-women's conference*
*1977-05May4	*Minutes of Branch: NDP, Educational, Social reports*
1977-05May11	Minutes of Branch: NDP, CARAL, Damien reports; Middle-East, Fund Drive
*1977-May15	*Executive meeting: Educational, NDP; Direction of SL (deleted item from minutes)*
1977-05May18	Minutes of Branch: NDP report, Forward Fund Drive, Educational report
1977-05May25	Minutes of Branch:NDP report, Educational & Fund Drive reports
1977-05May29	Executive meeting: Educational, NDP discussion
1977-06June1	Minutes of Branch: NDP report, Abortion demonstration report
*1977-June5	*Executive meeting: Correspondence; Membership, Treasurer's report*
*1977-06June15	*Minutes of Branch: NDP & Forward fund drive report*
*1977-June19	*Executive meeting: Organization discussion, Camp Poundmaker*
*1977-06June22	*Minutes of Branch: Correspondence, Camp Poundmaker, Executive report*
1977-06June29a	Minutes of Branch: Correspondence, Fund Drive, Educational
1977-07July6a	Minutes of Branch: Miscellaneous reports
*1977-07July13	*Minutes of Branch: miscellaneous*
*1977-July16	*Executive meeting: Membership & personnel, Camp Poundmaker*
1977-07July20	Minutes of Branch: Educational report
1977-07July27	Minutes of Branch: NDP report, Gay demonstration
1977-08Aug3	Minutes of Branch: RD now NDP member
*1977-Aug8	*Executive meeting: Organizership; Correspondence, Educational*
1977-08Aug10	Minutes of Branch: Executive (personnel), NDP report
*1977-08Aug17	*Minutes of Branch:* miscellaneous
*1977-Aug19	*Executive meeting: Gay Liberation, Organizership, RMG-LSA fusion*

**1977-08Aug24*	*Minutes of Branch: NDP report*
1977-08Aug31	Minutes of Branch: Trade Union report, NDP report
**1977-09Sept7*	*Minutes of Branch: Trade Union & NDP reports*
1977-09Sept14	Minutes of Branch: NDP report: provincial council delegate open to comrade
1977-09Sept21	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Trade Union & Campus & NDP reports
**1977-Sept25*	*Executive meeting: Educational, Gay Liberation-Damien Defence, Executive*
1977-10Oct2a	Minutes of Branch: Educational & Executive reports, Campus report
**1977-Oct9*	*Minutes of Branch: Miscellaneous*
1977-10Oct15	Minutes of Branch: Executive, Trade Union, Campus reports
**1977-Oct16*	*Executive meeting: Forward, Branch conference, Educational*
**1977-Oct22*	*Minutes of Branch: NDP report, Damien Defence, Educational report*
1977-10Oct30	Minutes of Branch NDP Fraction: leadership convention; resolutions
1977-11Nov6a	Minutes of Branch: Educational, Campus, Trade Union reports (3pp handwritten)
1977-11Nov13	Minutes of Branch: Social & NDP reports, branch conference
1977-11Nov15	Executive meeting: Report on Branch Conference, NDP document
**1977-Nov20*	*Minutes of Branch: miscellaneous (handwritten)*
1977-11Nov22	Executive meeting: Gay Discussion, Documentation for Branch Conference (NDP)
**1977-Nov27*	*Minutes of Branch: miscellaneous (handwritten)*
1977-11Nov30	Executive meeting: Correspondence, Documentation, Agenda for Branch conference
1977-12Dec3	Executive meeting: New executive; evaluation of old executive, Conference agenda
1977-12Dec4a	SL Conference proceedings (report by Art Grey)*:* NDP report by Gord D.
**1977-Dec4*	*Minutes of Branch Conference (handwritten by Homily – illegible sketch)*
1977-12Dec11a	Executive meeting: Evaluation of Branch Conference, Documents, Personnel
**1977-Dec*	*Attendance rolls(4 pp)*

1978

1978-Jan7	Executive meeting: HQ lease, Personnel, NDP discussion
**1978-Jan8*	*Minutes of Branch: (brief handwritten sketch)*
1978-01Jan17	Executive meeting: Next Branch meeting open to NDP caucus
1978-02Feb6	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Suit vs. RCMP, Educational, name change
1978-02Feb12	Executive meeting: Non-Zionist Jews, SL name, RCMP lawsuit, NDP red-baiting
1978-02Feb20	Minutes of Branch: NDP, Educational on RCMP suit, New business
1978-03Mar3a	Minutes of Branch: NDP report (report on MTAC convention)
1978-03Mar16	Executive meeting: Iraqi tour, Financial, RCMPM defence, SL new name
1978-03Mar19	Minutes of Branch: Membership, RCMP case
1978-04Apr2a	Minutes of Branch: Campus Report, Non-Zionist Jews, RCMP suit, NDP
1978-04Apr16	Minutes of Branch: RCMP slander suit, NDP, Forward circulation, Campus
**1978-Apr23*	*Executive meeting: New HQ, Perspectives of SL, Financial, Court case, NDP*
1978-05May7	Minutes of Branch: HQ, SRDF case, NDP, Campus reports
1978-May19	*Minutes of Branch (sketch) Metro NDP backslides to work with Metro Reform*
1978-06June9	Minutes of Branch: Membership, NDP reports, Educational
**1978-June18*	*Executive meeting: Bookstore, Social, Branch meeting*
1978-06June25a	Minutes of Branch: NDP work, Press Fund Drive; New address, bookstore
1978-07July9	Minutes of Branch: NDP report, Trade Union, Fund Drive, Social, Poundmaker
1978-07July23a	Minutes of Branch: Membership, NDP Women's Cttee, etc. Forward Fund drive
1978-07July27	Executive meeting: NDP (RD-Ward 6), Forward, Fund Drive, RCMP lawsuit
1978-08Aug27	Minutes of Branch: NDP, Women's Cttee. Municipal report
1978-09Sept16	Minutes of Branch: Membership, NDP reports, Forward Fund Drive, campus
1978-10Oct15	Minutes of Branch: NDP discussion, Forward
1978-11Nov12	Minutes of Branch: Membership, Educational, Teachers, New Years social (no branch conference)

1979

1979-01Jan7	Minutes of Branch: NDP report, Membership, Educational
1979-02Feb11a	Minutes of Branch: NDP, RCMP case, Hansen (SWP) memorial
1979-02Feb25	Minutes of Branch: Metro Toronto NDP, RCMP suit
1979-03Mar11	Minutes of Branch: Metro Toronto NDP, RCMP slander suit
1979-03Mar25	Minutes of Branch: Metro Toronto NDP, Teachers; Krever Commission
1979-04Apr16	Minutes of Branch: NDP Metro ridings, Membership, RCMP
1979-05May6	Minutes of Branch: Municipal & Federal NDP; Teachers, Nuclear power
1979-05May27	Minutes of Branch: Metro NDP convention, Teachers, Election educationals
1979-06June13	Minutes of Branch: MTAC convention report, Teachers, Nuclear demos
1979-07July18	Minutes of Branch: Federal NDP convention discussion, SRDF, Trade Union
1979-08Aug8a	Minutes of Branch: NDP resolutions, Federal convention
1979-08Aug22	Minutes of Branch: Labor Day distribution, NDP convention resolutions
1979-09Sept14	Minutes of Branch: RCMP suit update; Metro NDP and federal convention
1979-09Sept30	Minutes of Branch: Federal NDP convention, Provincial Council, Metro NDP
1979-10Oct4	Minutes of Branch: Discussion on NDP convention
1979-10Oct19	Minutes of Branch: NDP Provincial Council; Riding reports
1979-12Dec2	Minutes of Branch: NDP Left Caucus, Membership & Contacts

(Found in 1977)

Executive report for Jan. 3 branch

Membership:

-the deferred matter of Mary M.'s membership
- m/c that we maintain a sympathizer relationship ...
(see minutes)

~~Executive meeting~~

Next Year Country
-that organizer send a letter of inquiry to NYC together
with our documentation
since
-they sent us their document

Staffing
-Abie to be on sabbatical for six weeks to complete past academic work
due for Feb. 15
-exec decided to hire Ross to be in charge of bookstore
and that the exec. comrades would substitute for the
duties of the organizer
-I feel that an acting organizer is necessary and the
matter should be referred to the exec. to choise one

Educational report:

internal
Murray on China

externals
- Jan. class series : 1) the Riel Rebellion , Jan 14, (Wayne)
2) the 1837 rebellion, Jan. 21 (Ross)
3) Winnipeg 1919, Jan. 28 (N. Penner)
4) the 1945-49 strike wave, Feb. 4, (Harry P.)

recruitment classes:
-to include Ian K, Mike H., Mary M., Pat Scarborough, Al R.
-Ian and Mary accepted so far

- Harry K. & Dale assigned to organize ad lead the classes

eval.

Dept. of Steel plants

Minutes of Branch Meeting - Monday Jan. 3/77 at 8:15 PM.

Chair: Harry K. Secretary: Chris J.
Agenda: Adopted as proposed.
Attendance: Absent without known reason: Judy B., FRed C., Jim C., Linda D., ~~Phil K.~~, Frank L., Bill M., Mac M., Dave P., Wayne R.,
Minutes: M/C to table last weeks minutes.

Membership & Contacts:
M/C that Mary M. to have sympathizer status.

Executive report: Abie reporting.
1) Next Year Country: letter and documentation to be sent. Letter to be expression of agreement.
2) Staffing:
Abie is taking a leave of absence for 6weeks as organizer Jan 1st to Feb. 15 th
M/C to hire Ross to run bookstore- fulltime
M/C to refer back to exec question of interim organizer.
M/C to adopt report.

Financial REport:
Given by Randy N. M/C to adopt.
M/C that exec. ensure that the books be put in order for Randy N.

Educational Report:
M/C to adopt external class series as follows:
1) Jan 14th - Riel Rebellion
2) Jan 21st - 1837 Rebellion
3) Winnipeg General Strike - Jan 28th
4) Feb. 4th - 1945 - 49 Strike wave

M/C to refer question of speakers to exacutive.
M/C to hold recruitment classes. Ian K., Mike H., Mary M., Pat S., and Al R., to be invited to attend.
M/C that Harry and Dale R., organize the classes - to start as soon as pos

Internal: Murray D on Developments in China.

Social Report: Harry P., reporting.
New Years social was a sucess, with 45 to 50 people attending.
Financially sucessfull also - $103 profit.

New Business:
1)Informational report from Calvin J. about Sadlowski campaign
2)Internal ~~lineup~~ for next week
M/C to have internal on our Attitude of Revolutionaries to Parliament an Elections. Speaker to be Randy N.

Calendar: read

Adjournment: at 10:30 PM.

Adopted.

SUNDAY

MINUTES of the Branch Meeting 9/1/ 77

Secretary- Dale
Chair / Ellie

Attendance- A without R: Judy, Fred , John, Murry, Linda, Calvin, Bill, Julie

Minutes: M/C to adopt the minutes from Dec. 19 as amended
M/C to adopt the minutes from Jan. 3 .

Membership: M/C to drop Frank L. from membership
M/C to recruit Mike H.
M/C to recruit Ian K.

Gord welcomed Ian and Mike to the branch.

M/C TO TABLE THE MOTION TO APPoint Gord as corressponding secretary.

The following motions were passed regarding the staffing of the movement during Abie's leave of absence.

M/C to elect Harry K. as an interim organizer until the end of Abie's leave of absence.
M/C to pay Ross $60/ wk. to assume responsibility for the bookstore until the end of Abie's leave.

Educational Report: M/C to elect Harry K. to do the class on the 1837 rebellion on Jan. 14.
M/C to elect Ross to give the class on the Riel Rebellion on Jan. 21.
M/C to nominate Murray to give the class on the post-war strike wave on Feb. 4.

M/C that the internal next week be on the current radicalization in the working class.
M/C to elect Ross to give this internal.

M/C to have an internal in two weeks on the question: is the Soviet Union a dictatorship of the proletariat.
M/C to elect Harry P. to give this internal.

Harry K. gave a report on the recruitment classes which will commence on Jan. 16.

The lineup is as follows: Jan. 16-contributions of Marx, Engels, Lenin and TRotsky.
Jan. 23- the transitional programme
Jan. 30-the history of Canadian Trotskyism
Feb. 6 -the Leninist model of the party and the S. L.

Comrades Harry P., Dale , Harry K. will take part in the classes as well as Mary, Al R., Pat. S., Ian K., Mike H., and Josie H.

M/C to adopt the report on the recruitment classes.

New Business: M/C to have a discussion between the executive and the campus fraction on campus work.

Ross reported on the recent meeting of the Pelletier Defence Ctte.
M/C to refer this item to the exec. for further discussion.

Ross reported on the paper distributions to Steel plants in the Toronto area.

Calendar:

Adjournment:

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING - Sunday Jan. 16/77 at 8:12 p.m.

Chair: Gord D. Secretary; Chris J.

Agenda: Adopted as proposed.
Attendance: Absent without known reason: Judy B., Fred C., Linda D., Alice K., Bill M., Julie T., Mike H.
Minutes: m/C to table last weeks minutes to next meeting.
Membership and Contacts: Harry K. reported.
M/C to drop Mac M., to status of sympathizer without prejudice.
M/C to drop Julie T. to status of sympathizer without prejudice.
Informational report on Al R.
M/C to adopt report.
Educational Report: Harry K. reported.
Evaluation of last external which was the Ist in the series - the 1837 Rebellion given by Harry K.
Evaluation of last internal on The Attitude of Revolutionaries to Parliament and Elections - given by Randy
Recruitment Classes: Ist class was given by Harry K. Attended by 5 out of 6 invit
Evaluation given by Ian and Dale.
M/C to adopt report.
Social Committee Report: Dale R. reported. (Feb. 12)
M/C to hold social night on Sat. Feb. 5 It is to be a film night at Harry K.s house
Executive Report:
I) M/C to allocate time on next weeks agenda for discussion on the frequency of branch meetings, with a contribution to be given by a speaker.
2) M/C to refer the question of the speaker to the executive.
2) Assignments:
M/C that the Educational Ctte be composed of: Harry K., Paul K., Dale R., Abie W., the co-ordinator to be Harry K.
M/C that the Social Ctte be composed of Harry P., Dale R., Gord D., the co-ordinator tobe Harry P.
M/C to refer question of Financial Ctte to executive.
M/C that Chris J. be Womans Fraction co-ord.
M/C that Paul K. be Campus co-ord.
M/C that question of Trade Union co-ord. be refered to executive.
Business Manager of Forward - defered to next week.
M/C that Dale R. be N.D.P. co-ord. The committee to consist of all active N.D.P. members
M/C to adopt report
Caral Report: Ellie K. reported.
M/C that Harry P. stand for election to Caral national executive if possible.
M/C that Harry P. and other comrades who can make it attend the lobby in Ottawa in March.
M/C that Harry P. approach Caral members with the idae of organizing a celebrati for those who can not afford the dinner.
M/C that the Socialist League pay for Harry's ticket to the dinner.
N.D.P: Report:
1) the Metro Regional Conference is the Ist week in April.
2) the M.M.R. convention is theIst week in ~~April~~ Feb.
3) M/C that all N.D.P. comrades introduce resolutions in support of Ziemba.
4) M/C that comrades introduce motions protesting the $100.00 registration fee ~~and~~ for the upcoming NDP. Fed. Con.
5) M/C that comrades introduce motion that the ridings pay the delegates fees.
6) M/C that comrades introduce motion protesting corporate donations.
M/C to adopt report.
Break for Dues and Pledges.
Educational: Ross on The Current Radicalization of the Working Class.
Pelltier Ctte: M/C not to work in the ctte. at the present

Workmans Circle: M/C to refer question of working in the Workmans Circle to the exec.
New Business: Infomational report on Africa week given by Ross D.
Calendar: read.
Adjourment: at 10:25 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING JAN. 23/77

Chair: Abie
Secretary: Dale
Attendance: Absent w Reason; Randy, Harry K., Rozi, Wayne, Ellie, Jim C.
Absent: Judy, fred, linda, Bill, Dave

Minutes: M/C to adopt the minutes from Jan. 9 branch meeting
M/C to adopt the minutes from Jan. 16 branch meeting
M/C to adopt the notes from the Nov. 28 branch meeting

Membership and Contacts: M/C to elect Calvin as trade union co-ordinator
M/C to elect the following financial committee of Abie, Gord, and Randy.
M/C to assign Ian and Mike to work on the production of the paper.
Dale reported that Homily is in regular correspondence with the movement.
M/C to refer the question of Homily's status to the executive for discussion.
Dale reported on the membership classes.
Comrade Chris is moving to a new job which will involve a union situation.

Educational Report: Gord reported on Ross's class on the Western Rebellions of 1885 and 1871.
Internal and external lineup was reported

Educational: Harry P. on the dictatorship of the Proletariat

M/C to table the discussion on the frequency of branch meetings to the next branch meeting.

BREAK

Trade Union Report: Calvin reported on the Sadlowski campaign

The campaign seems to be picking up steam following Sadlowski's tour of S. Ont.
Murray is going to Montreal to help in the campaign
The Canadian leaflet put out by Sadlowski is weak on Canadian autonomy but strong enough for us to support him. in general
Calvin reported on the recent labor council elections where the C.P. ran a slate and failed to elect anyone.
M/C to refer to the executive the question of Calvin's strategy at the labor council in terms of building a left wing.
M/C to assign Murray to go to Montreal to work on the Sadlowski campaign.

NDP report: Dale reported on the steering committee meeting of the NDP Metro council.
The upcoming Metro NDP convention will very likely be successful because HEAP and other reform aldermen will participate. Heap seems to be moving in the direction of the NDP and away from the MMR.
An NDP ctte. meeting will be organized as soon as possible

M/C To Adopt the Report

New Business: Mike reported on the upcoming anti-tuition increase moratorium on Feb. 10.

Calendar:

Adjournment: 10:40

adopted Feb 6/77

Branch Meeting Jan 30/1977 CONVENED: 8:10 p.m.

CHAIR - RANDY

SEC - HARRY K.

ATTENDANCE - A. with R: ABIE, JOHN D., Jim C., MURRAY

MINUTES - MIC TO ADOPT.

NDP REPORT: BY DALE ON MMR AND NDP METRO CONVENTIONS AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEES. FURTHER REPORT ON LIEMBA AND CORPORATE FINANCING RESOLUTIONS, AND CAMPAIGN TO RAISE THESE RESOLUTIONS, AT NEXT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING. MIC TO ADOPT REPORT.

REPORT ON BRANCH MEETINGS: MOTION TO HAVE BRANCH MEETINGS BIWEEKLY DEFEATED.

MOTION CARRIED TO REFER NIGHT OF BRANCH MEETING TO EXECUTIVE.

CAMPUS REPORT BY PAUL KELLOG. REPORT ON FEBRUARY 10 TUITION FEE PROTEST, ON EXCALIBUR, ON C.Y.S.F. ELECTIONS AND ON FUNCTIONING OF FRACTION DALE WILL BE EXECUTIVE CONTACT WITH FRACTION UNTIL FEB 15.

CARAL REPORT BY HARRY PAINE. MORGENTALER DINNER CALLED OFF. REPORT ON CARAL LOBBY. MIC TO ADOPT REPORT

SOCIAL REPORT BY DALE. MIR TO CHANGE DATE OF MOVIE NITE TO FEBRUARY 19.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT BY HARRY K.

MIC TO HOLD A FORUM ON QUEBEC ON THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE ON FEB. 11.

DALE ELECTED SPEAKER.

MIC TO POSTPONE INTERNAL EDUCATIONAL ON THE NATURE OF THE CANADIAN TRADE UNION BUREAUCRACY TODAY TO NEXT MEETING.

REPORT ON PROGRESS OF RECRUITMENT CLASSES.

MID-EAST WORK BY HARRY K.

MIC TO ADORT REPORT ON OUR PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED LIBYA CONFERENCE

GOOD + WELFARE - ROZI IN HOSPITAL ON THURSDAY

NEW BUSINESS MIC TO SEND GREETINGS TO DAMIEN RALLY.

CALENDER READ. MEETING ADJOURNED 10:20 PM.

Adopted Feb 6/77.

MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING - Feb. 6 1977 at 8 p.m.

Chair: Dale Secretary: Chris.
Attendance: Absent with reason: Murray,D, Abie W., Randy.N., Gord D., Ross D. Eli K.
Absent without known reason: Judy B., Fred C., Linda D., Calvin J., Alice K., Bill M., Dave P., Mike H.

Minutes: Minutes of Jan. 23/77 and Jan 30/77 adopted as read.

Correspondance: M/C that next internal take up the L.S.A. - R.M.G. fusion documents with Ross as speaker.

Membership and contacts: M/C that Linda D. be dropped to status of sympathizer without prejudice.

Campus Report: presented by Paul K.
Informational report on the coming elections at York University and the ULC program
Discussion re the question of the candidate for president. There is a possibility of supporting George M. if he agrees to support the program. Also the possibility of a comrade running will be investigated.
M/C to adopt report.

Trade Union Report: Presented by Ross.
Informational report on the Sadlowski campaign and the Forward distributions.
M/C to adopt report.

Educational Report: presented by Harry K.
1) Recruitment Classes: Harry P repeated his class on Thurs Feb. 3 for those who had been unable to attend the first time. Mary M. and Josie H. were in attendance.
2) The last class in the series has been postponed I week.
3) M/C to have an internal on the Transitional Program on February 20/77 with Ian K speaking.
4) Evaluation of last external which was the last in the class series the '46 and '47 Strike Struggles in Canada given by Ross. Discussion re the poor attendance at all the classes in the series and how to build them for the future.
5) M/C that the next two classes be on Quebec - on the road to independence
6) M/C to hold class series on the Soviet Union
1) the degeneration of the Russian Revolution
2) the nature of the Soviet Union Today.
The date is to be determined by the Educational Committee.
M/C to adopt report.

Break for Dues and pledges.

Internal: Jim C. on the Nature of Trade Union Bureaucracy

New Business: Report by Harry K. on the Damien Rally
Informational report on the distributions at the Cuban film showings and the Marxists Institute Forums.
Informational report by Dale R. on Ziemba.

Calander: read

Adjournment: 11p.m.

adopted. Feb 12/77.

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING - Februrary I3 I977 at 8:I0 p.m.

Chair: Gord D. Secretary: Chris J.
Attendance : absent without known reason; Judy B., Jim C., Fred C., Bill M., Dave P.,
Minutes: minutes of Feb. 6/77 adopted as resd.
Trade Union Report: presented by Calvin J.
Informational Report on the Sadlowski campaign.
M/C to adopt the report.
Campus Re port: presented by Paul K.,
I) Informational Report on the Feb. I0 Tuition Fee Protest which was low key with a small turnout at York.
2) U.L.S. -
slate: Alice K is the candidate for president
Harry Pinder is running for the board of governors.
Ian K is the Campaign Manager.
program: the main points in the program are;
- for a strong Student Union
- against the cutbacks
- Womens rights - daycare
student-staff-faculty contol
- the end to big business control of the university
3) M/C to adopt the report.
Forward Report: presented by Wayne R.
- informational report on the paper & opening remarks for discussion
- ~~discussion~~ of the question of Quebec Independence and the future of English Canada.
- M/C to hold discussion at the end of the meeting if time permits.
- M/C to adopt report.
Educational Report: presented by Harry K.
I) The last recruitment class will be on Thurs. FebI7/77
2) Evaluation of the last internal which was Jim C. on The Nature of Tradee Union Bureacracy
3) ~~External~~ Evaluation of last External which was the Ist in the class series on Qubec given by Dale R.
4) M/C that there be 3 classes in the Soviet Union class series. The Ist class to be on why the revolution took place, the dynamic of revolution and the problems.
5) M/C that the educational cttee decide on the speakers of the last two classes
6) M/C that Paul K be speaker for the first class.
Break for Dues and Pledges
Educational: given by Ross on the L.S.A.-R.M.G. fusion documents
Social Report: given by Harry K
informational report on the preparations for the film night at Harry K.s house on Feb. I9
M/C to adopt report.
Branch Meeting Night: M/C to continue Branch meetings on Sunday nights until the spring.
Caral Report: presented by HarryP
Informational report on the Badgley Commission Report on the Feb. I2 lobbying workshop - there were 30-35 people in attendance, stategy was discussed, and Mary Stern was elected as National President to fill the vacancy left by Ed Radcliffe.
M/C to adopt the report as information.
New Business: informational reports on distributions done this week.
Calendar: read
Adjournment: IIp.m.

Rpt tsd Feb. 20/77

Minutes of Branch meeting
February 20, 1977
convened 8:05 pm

Chairperson: John D.
Secretary: Abie W.

Attendence: Absent with reason; Jim C., Gord D., Rozi D., Murray D., Chris J., Robert K., Alice K., Ellie K., Randy N., Harry P., Wayne R.,
Absent; Judy B., Fred C., Bill M., Dave P., Dale R.,

Minutes: m/c to adopt the minutes of February 13, 1977

Membership and Contacts report: presented by Harry K.

m/c to have a requirtment discussion (s) with Pat S. with a view to to recruit her

- informational report on the other particiapnts in the recruitment classes

m/c to approach all participants in the class with a view of recruitment

Educational report: presented by Harry K.

- recruitment classes
m/c to adopt report

-externals: evaluation of last external, Dale R. on Quebec by Paul K.

m/c that Russian Revolution class be postponed one week with no substitute

- internals: evaluation of last internal, Ross on LSA/RMG fusion talks by Harry K.

- internal lineup: -Transitional programme with Ian K.
- Constituant Assembly with Dale R.
- Quebec and the english left with Calvin
m/c to refer the topic of Gay Liberation to the exec.

Break for Dues and Pledges

Internal educational on the Transitional Programme with Ian K.

Executive report: by Abie W.

- Abie returned from leave of absence from organizership
m/c to coopt Harry K. onto the executive

Social report: by Dale R.

- house social a success with 50 participants
- about $60 surplus made

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Trade-Union report: by Calvin J.

-Sadlowski campaign calling for recount

NDP report: By Dale R.

-caucus has reversed position on Ziemba
- fraction to meet in preparation for provincial council March 5-6
N.D.P ctte.

New Business:

- circulation report - Harry K.

adjournment

adopted March 6/77.

Minutes of the Toronto Branch Meeting Feb. 27/77 at 8:Io p.m.

Chair: Calvin J. Secretary: Chris J.
Agenda : Adopted as read.
Attendance: Absent without known reason: Fred C., John D., Paul K., Ellie K., Bill M., Dave P., Wayne R., Mike H.,
Minutes: M/C to table re ading of minutes of Feb. 20/77 to next week.
Trade Union Meeting Report:
Informational report presented by Calvin
Next Trade Union fraction meeting is March 8 8p.m.
M/C to adopt report.
Educational Report:
Evaluation of last internal educational which was on the Transitional Program and was given by Ian K.
Next weeks internal: Quebec and the left in General.
M/C to adopt report.
M/C to excuse Alice K., and Ian K. from meeting to work on York election material.
Educational: The Constituent Assembly presented by Dale R.
Break for Dues and Pledges
N.D.P. Report: presented by Dale.
Informational report onmthe M.M.R. conference.
Metro Conference - all comrades should try to get delegateships, the deadline is March I5
Provincial Council Meeting is March 5&6.
Federal Convention: re solutions must be adopted by April 30 to go to FED. convention - Comrades should push for their Fed. riding to meet before then.
N.D.P. Womens Newsletter - comrades should submit articles
M/C to adopt report.
Womans Fraction; presented by Chris J.
Informational report on the N.D.P. womens committee and the Daycare Alliance.
M/C to adopt the report.
New Business: information on this weeks distributions of Forward
Calendar: read
Adjournment: I0;I5 p.m.

adopted March 6/77.

Organizer's reports March 6, 1977

Membership and Contacts

Judy Brooke -

Educational ~~xxxxxxxx~~
clarification of the topic on Gay liberation for an internal was requested:
next week's educational is on ~~the~~ An elaboration of our line on Gay Liberation

nomination is Randy to give it

tonight is Calvin on ~~Q~~uebec and the Left in General

in two weeks: m/ topic : The Red University Strategy, its history and our application

motivation: is the conclusion of the election camapign and the formulation of another ULS programme

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~.
content: What it is?
Does it apply in our work area?
If so, how do you apply it here?
and If not, what is the laternative?

nomination is Alice

SOCIAL

- March social to be a house social with movies

- March 26 to coincide with the new mailing for the forums

Executive Committee Minutes ~~Dec.~~ March 13, 1977

Chairperson: Harry P.
Secretary: Abie W.
Attendence: Harry K. late , absent Calvin J., Gord D. with reason
& Paul K.

m/c to defer discussion on the meeting day and time for executive meetings, specifically the question of wed. at 8:00 pm

Minutes:
m/c to adopt the previous minutes as information only
m/c to have motions read by the secretary before the vote of the executive is taken on a motion

Correspondence:

- executive recognizes that Harry K. is assigned to the comrades's case on immigration

Financial report: by Abie W.

m/c to set up a financial auditing committee to consist of Abie, Calvin J., and Murray D.

m/c to assign Abie W. to secure and collect pledges and dues & pledges

m/c that the auditing committee function as the interim treasurer until May when Gord D. will be capable of becoming treasurer

Forward administration report: Abie W.

m/c to approach Ian K. to take on the responsibility of business manager

Staffing:

- Dale R. & Ellie K. will be possibly be available to staff the centre wednesday evening

Incorporation: by Harry K.

m/c that Harry K. investigate the proposal to set up an incorporated association

Wages:

m/c that Abie W.'s salary be $75 per week

m/c that the first priority of the finances of the movement be the organizer's salary

Womens' Labour conference report : Ellie K.

-sponsored by the OWW and CUPE
-80 participants

m/c that we continue to intervene in the coalition on "Equal pay for work of equal value" and that a short report of the conference be carried in Forward

Other Business

1) NDP report: Dale R.

m/c to hold NDP fraction meeting to discuss municipal NDP conference to work out a programmatic and strategic intervention and to refer the question of the time to Dale R. & Abie W.

2) Phoning Tree

- phoning tree set up and distributed to the executive

3) Campus work: by Paul K.

m/c to postpone internal educational on campus work until fraction meets and until fraction steering committee meets with executive until the next week

m/c to refer the question of attending the LSA forum on campus work with the additional information that the executive, by consensus, feels that the forum serves no purpose

m/c to adjourne

adopted Mar 27/77

TORONTO

MINUTES OF THE^BRANCH MEETING March I3, I977 at 8:I0 p.m.

Chair: Alice Secretary: Chris J.

Attendance: Absent with reason: Gord D., Rozi D., Wayne R., Harry P., Harry K.

Minutes of March 6 adopted as ammended.

Membership and Contacts: an informational report about Homily was given by Abie W.

Womens Report: presented by Chris.J.
Informational report on the Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value Educational held on March I2 and which was sponsored by a coalition of womens groups.
M/C to accept report.

N.D.P. report: presented by Dale R.
Informational report on the Provincial Council Meeting.
The Metro Convention will be held April I,2&3. An N.D.P. fraction will be held one week before.
M/C to adopt report.

Educational Report: presented by Abie W.

I) Evaluation of the last Internal, which was The English Left Groups in Quebec and was given by Calvin.
2) Evaluation of the last external, which was the 2nd in the class series on the Russian Revolution and the speaker was Randy N.
3) M/C that the internal on the York elections be postponed until the campus fraction has a chance to meet adn discuss it and that we hold a hatbox tomight.
4) M/C that the social be postponed until March 26
5) M/C to adopt report

Financial report: was given by Abie.
Break for Dues and Pledges.
Educational: hatbox
M/C to refer question of an educational on the Constituent Assembly to the Educational Committee.

New Business:
I) Abie reported on the phoning tree.
2) Distribution Report: informational report on distributions done at C.P. Womens Day celebration, St. David Riding Nomination meeting, R.M.G.-L.S.A. forum, Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value meeting.

Calendar: read

Adjournment: at I0:05 p.m.

Adopted at Branch meeting of April 11/77

Branch minutes of March 27, 1977

Chairperson: Dale R.
Secretary: Abie W.
Agenda
m/c to adopt

Attendence: L.O.A. Rozi D., Randy N.,
A.W.R. Eord D., Chris J., [redacted], Alice K., Bill M., Mike H.
Absent Jim C., Fred ..., Calvin J., Harry K., Paul K., Ellie K., Dave P., Wayne R.

Minutes:
m/c to refer minutes of previous branch to next meeting

Executive report: Abie W.

1) York Canada conference
   - Abie assigned to explore the possibilities of intervention
2) m/c to set the meeting time of the next two branch meetings for Monday night at 8:00 pm
   - Abie W. is to conduct poll on the preferred meeting time for the coming time and report to branch in two weeks
3) Financial
   - financial audit committee to meet again and report at next meeting

m/c to refer the question of setting a goal and campaign period for the Forward Drive to executive

NDP report: Dale R.
m/c to postpose class series one week
- report on upcoming fraction meeting thurs. night
- report of Dovercourt riding meeting

m/c to adopt report

Break for Dues and Pledges

Education report: Abie W.
- evaluation of last internal; Randy on Gay movement by Ross D.

m/d to drop internal on campus work
m/c to refer the scheduling of campus internal to executive
m/c to have internal on Metro NDP intervention next week
m/c to nominate Harry P to present internal

Social report: Dale R.
m/c to have social the evening of saturday 26 at Harry P. & Chris's house
m/c to refer question of a May Day social to executive

Other Business:
1) Circulation report
   - adequate number of comrades are necessary for distributions at which the other tendencies are selling in force

adjournment

adopted 4 pm. 18

Minutes of Branch meeting for April 4, 1977

Chairperson: John D.,
Secretary: Abie W.
Agenda
m/c to adopt
Minutes:
- March 27/77 minutes read as information
Correspondence:
~~report on Robert K. expecting to return in June~~

Membership & Contacts

m/c to conduct recruitment discussions with Brian N.
- report on Pat S. who we expect to recruit when she moves back to Toronto

Educational report: Abie W.
m/c to defer consideration of future internals to Other Business
m/c that Dale R. be assigned to draw up new contact list and conduct phoning for forum

Internal Educational: Dale R. on the Metro Area Toronto Council (MATC) of the NDP
m/c to adopt report

Break for Dues and Pledges

Social: Harry P.
- small but useful

Other Business:
1) Circulation: Abie
2) Calander: Abie W.
3) CARAL: Harry P.
-monday demonstration at Women's College Hospital drew 100 participants
m/c to refer to executive the matter of allocating forces to this work area
4) Internal Educationals
- campus educational scheduling to be taken up by executive

Adjournment: 10:50 pm

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Campus Report: Paul reported on the recent CYSF elections where the ULS was excluded from all executive positions.

Destiny Canada Conference: Abie reported on our attempts to get credentials as delegates to the York U. conference on the future of Canada.

Calendar:

Adjournment:

adopted Apr. 18/77

MINUTES OF DX TORONTO BR. MTG. APRIL 11/77 at 8:15 PM

Chair: Gord D. Tem Secty: John D.

Agenda: adopted as read.

Attendance: Absent without reason: Jim C., Fred C., Chris J., Paul K., Ian K., Bill M., Harry P., Dave P., Mike H.

Minutes: Minutes of March 13/77 adopted as read.
Minutes of March 20th, 27th and April 4th deferred M/C to table.
M/C to refer question of ~~back minutes to~~ branch secretary to Exec.

Membership & Contacts:
Abie reported on Jim C.'s letter of resignation. Discussion. M/C to drop Jim C. to status of sympathizer. M/C to hold education on nature of revolutary organization and the SL.

Executive Report: M/C that there be a 4-person Fund Drive Committee composed of Murray, Dale, Calvin and Gord with Murray as co-ordinator.
Report on Fund Drive goal at next meeting.
Publications: M/C we publish a pamphlet on ~~wkk~~ the SL's program: Where is Canada going? as possible title. M/C to refer question to Publications committee.

Labor Report: Calin reported that May Day event to be sponsored by Toronto Labor Council. Theme to be world solidarity of trade union movement.
Report on Wyandotte strike and UIC sending scabs out to work.
Discussion on SL response to Labour Council clelebration, mailing out leaflets.
Dale reported on Metro Trotonto CUPE national leadership's efforts to dissolve CU PE Mtro council.
M/C to adopt report.

Educational Report: Abie reported. Evaluation of last Friday's forum by Wayne on Confederation. ~~xxxxxx~~ Exec. motion carried to have education by dale on current NDP work as next internal, motion also carried to postpone it until one week later

Break for Dues & Pledges
M/C to excuse Murray.

Social Report: Dale reported . M/C to encourage all comrades to attend Labor Council May Day (MOBILIZATION) function. Mc/C movement hold house social on Sat. before May Day to announce fund drive.

Circulation Report. Abie reported on toing two speical mailings of this isue of Forward to left profs and SWP locals. Report on distributions. M/C to adopt.

New Business:
Harry P. reported that CARAL to hold demonstration on May 28th, and that there would be an organization meeting Wed. 13 this week, with the main membership meeting April 20th. Report on current status of CARALI, which has a dynamic new leadership.
- Alice reported that Paul K. has been elected editor of York student newspaper Excalibur for next school year.

Calendar: read

Meeting Adjourned: at 10:40 pm

Branch meeting minutes of April 18/77

Chairperson: Gord Secretary: Paul

Attendence: A.W.R. Dave P., John D., Harry K., Alice K., Wayne R., Ellie K.

Minutes:
M/c to adopt minutes of March 13, 20, 27, April 4
- minutes of April 11 tabled

Membership and Contacts:
m/c that the question of Dave Dickman be referred to executive of March 20/77
- Abie reporting on Gordon Hatt
  - he has been asked to join
  - m/c by Abie that we invite him to a branch meeting so he can see how we operate to help him make up his mind about joining
  - motion withdrawan
  - report adopted that wee work closer with him in NDP with view to recruitment
  - m/c to adopt

m/c to refer the question of inviting contacts to branch to executive

Fund Drive report: Murray D.
- must raise $5,000
- $555.56 per issue for 9 issues
- if publishing more than 9/year, we are to have an earlier fund drive next year
- $3,000 from comrades and $2,000 from sympathizers
- Fund Drive Committee composed of Murray, Gord, Calvin, Dale, Abie
- starting from $850
- drive starts now and ends June 30

	last year	comrades	contacts
pledged	$6,000	$4,200	$1,800
collected	$4,000	$2,500	$1,500
		60%	40%

m/c to adopt report

Labour Council: Calvin
- Participation and power conference on weekend
- Fred and Calvin attended
- not too many tendencies
- open conference - independent left trade unionists
- CP boycotted it
- 200 - 300 attended

- Oshawa and District Labour Council
  - Dave P. had motion passed on Ziemba
- resolution on Quebec needed
- thursday Labour Council will have details on May Day

m/c to adopt report

- Murray suggests we formulate motion on unemployment and carry this into labour movement to include a proposal for action such as last year's demonstration

Educational report: abie
m/c to begin next internal class series on May 6
- last internal postponed till this week
- Ian K. gave evaluation of last external which was Ross on Quebec and its road to independence

Break for Dues and Pledges

Educational by Dale on our NDP work
m/c to refer question of getting comrades active in NDP ridings with left possibilities

Social report: by Gord, Alice
- April 30 soical at Alice and Mike's

CARAL report:
- Toronto local meeting wednesday
- Alice, Ellie, Harry P. and contacts should be encouraged to attend

ONDP Women's Conference
- this weekend at 33 Cecil
- Rosemany Brown speaking

M/c that Murray D. be excused 10:30 pm

New Business
1) Circulation report : Abie
- 20 papers at NDP meeting with John Harney distributed
- 30 papers distributed at Watkins meeting
- 30-40 at PPAC meeting
- 75 at Workers Power conference
- 1,000 at teacher's union meeting

1,155

2) report on PPAC (Public Petroleum Association of Canada) by Abie
3) m/c to refer the question of Branch meeting time till membership poll complete
m/c to hold next branch meeting on monday

Calander
Adjournment at 10:47pm

Executive Committee minutes for April 24/77

Chairperson:
Secretary: Abie W.
Attendence: A.W.R.(Absent with reason) Ellie K., Calvin J., Gord D., Harry K.
late Paul K.

Agenda: m/c to adopt
Minutes:
m/c to adopt minutes of April 17/77

Membership and Contacts:
- discussion on Fred G. & Brian N.

Committee for a New Constitution:
Abie w. reporting
- we intervened at two meetings with John Harney soliderizing ourselves to his position on constituent assembly

m/c recommendation to print statement in next issue of Forward
- Wayne R., Harry K., Harry P., and Dale R. are assigned to move into committee
- work out programme of intervention, i.e. pamphlet with Bob S., Don O., Coleen G. etc.

m/c to assign Dale R., & Harry P. to explore possibilities of intervention with NDP left in terms of promoting Committee, possibly in the form of publishing a pamphlet
- to assign Murray to approach Norm Penner
- Abie to approach York U. left profs

Organizational Discussion:
m/c to refer discussion to special executive meeting saturday 10:30 am

CARAL: Harry P.
- report on Wednesday meeting of 80 projecting a demonstration composed of non-independents
- projected as being non-viable
- not take on major responsibilities

m/c to accept report

NDP: Dale R.
- - election to be called
- report on assignments

m/c to adjourne

Branch meeting minutes of Mon. April 25/77 8:10pm

Chairperson: Paul K. Secretary: Gord & Chris
Attendence: A.W.R. Rozi, Dale, John, Harry K.
Absent: Mike, Calvin, Murray, Dave P., Bill M., Fred C.

Minutes:
m/c to table minutes till next branch

Executive report: Abie W.
- report on Committee for a New Constitution
  m/c to support Harney's resolution for a constituent assembly in the NDP
  m/c to cautiously approach the Committee through comrades like Wayne who are not too openly members of the SL
  m/c to publish the Committee statement in Forward
- Abie reporting on his summer job which ties him up specifically on two nights per week. He will have less time to operate as organizer and other comrades will move in such as Paul and Gord

Social report: Paul
- Paul & Gord organizing May Day Party
- Sat. April 30 at 24 Wolfrey
- Comrades should be attending and encourging contacts to attend Labour Council May Day meeting on Sun May 1

Educational report: Abie
- evaluation of last external - Murray on Canada's Survival
  last internal - Dale on Internal Work in the NDP
- internal lineup - tonight hatbox
- external lineup - next forum cancelled because of May Day party and meeting
  - m/c to have a two part series on unemployment- a Marxist analysis; 1) structural & 2) specific - Canadian beginning May 8
  - m/c that speakers be Gord and Calvin and alternatively Abie

m/c that executive attempt to reactivate the educational committee

Break for Dues and Pledges

Internal - hatbox

Forward report: Wayne
- - informational report on the folding of Other Women and the Clarion
- informational report and discussion on last issue

New Business:
1) Circulation report: Abie
   - information on distributions done the past week
2) CARAL report: Harry P.
   - demonstration May 28 planned
   - initial meeting for demonstration attended by about 80 people mostly radicals
   - CARAL membership not there
   - planning meeting every Wed.

m/c to adopt report

Branch meeting night - wednesday for summer

Calander and Adjournment

Adopted 15/77

MINUTES OF THE MAY 11/77 BRANCH MEETING

CHAIRMAN: Paul

SECRETARY: Dale

ATTENDANCE: A w. R: Murray, Rozi, Mike, Alice, Wayne Ellie,

Present: Paul, Dale, Abie, Gord, Ross, Ian, Randy, John D.

Strike out

M/C to grant Wayne and Ellie a leave of absence until Sept.

MINUTES: M/C to defer last weeks minutes until next week.

NDP REPORT: Dale reported on the first week of the NDP campaign and our involvement in the campaign.

CARAL REPORT: The repeal demonstration is going ahead as scheduled on May 28. The march convenes at Allan Gardens and moves to Queen's Park.

Damien Report: Randy reported on the recent meeting of the Damien Defence Ctte. A number of ambitious actions were projected including a telethon, petition campaign and national week of protest.

Education Report: Comrades reported on the last internal and external.

M/C to refer to the ~~dixxx~~ executive the scheduling of future external classes.

The internal educational was given by Abie on the Middle-east.

M/C that we endorse the general negotiating position of the Palestine National Council with regard to the ~~establishment~~ creation of an independent Palestinian state.

Circulation Report: Abie reported on the distribution of Forward at the recent Provincial Council meeting.

Fund Drive Report: Over $2,000 is now pledged.

The fund drive ctte. met recently and assigned comrades to raise money from various contacts.

The ctte. thinks that the $5,000 target initially proposed is feasible. A letter has been drafted and will be sent to our contacts and subscribers.

M/C to refer to the executive the question of organizing a sub drive.

Minutes of Toronto Branch SL May 18, 1977

Chair--John D

Secretary- Ross D

Attendance: Absent with reason-Paul, Alice, Mike, Dale, Rozie, Wayne, Ellie.

Minutes: Minutes of May 11 meeting read. Motion to delete item that Wayne and Ellie were granted leave of absence, until they return within the fortnight and clarify. Motion to adopt minutes as corrected- passed

NDP Report- Convenor unable to attend to give report--in synopsis by Organizer of executive discussion it was reported that 9 comrades are now heavily involved in their riding campaigns which are attracting a considerable number of activists. The executive recommends that we do not attempt to organize a sub drive of a coordinated character at this time but pick up what subs we can in the course of our work in view of the financial drive and other pressing responsibilities. Discussion on Lewis' capitulation to bourgeois pressure to present a"responsible"image, that the party is limited in its commitment to publid ownership" because it can create as many problems as solution," that "we have always understood that this is a mixed economy.We know the private sector will always be dominant..that government should not be doing what the private sector can do ." and his statement that the government should give up resp onsiblity for reforestration and turn it over to the lumber barons. Ross reported that new general campaign litersture attempts to present Lewis & NDP as good a shop keeper as Davis and the Tories. Motion to adopt report--unanimous

Foward Fund Drive Report by Murray. The pledges now stand at $3,000 and $600 of this has been collected. The graph shows that we are moving along as scheduled and that we will not only reach but possibly go over our objective..Motion to adopt report unanimous.

Education Report: Report by Organizer that executive recommends that we cancel the public classes until the Fall: that we organize two or three educational weekends at the Camp over the summer. Motion to adopt report unanimous. It was reported that two and possibly more comrades will be participating in the Marxist Institute classes and that there is a discussion going on as to the feasibility of organizing a limited study circle on such basic writings as LT's Revolution Betrayed on Sunday mornings over the summer. Motion to assign Paul and Gord to the Marxist Institute classes. passed uananimously
Discussion on last weeks internal educational by Abie on the Middle East and now the meaning of the election of the extreme right into Isreali government.
Motion by the Organizer that we accept Ross' offer to present an educational that he has prepared on the Developing International Movement in opposition to Nuclear Power. passed unanimously.

Educational: By Ross

Report on distributions of press over the week to the OWW Conference-attended by 40 to 50 persons

Report by Organizer on Palestinian demonstration at city hall--militant--about 100 participants.

Notice that an editorial board meeting is being slated for a week Friday.

Motion to adjourn -paaes unanimously--about 10;40

Branch meeting minutes for May 25, 1977

Chairperson: Ian K.
Secretary: Homily
Agenda: m/c to adopt
Attendence: A.W.R. Wayne R., Ellie K., Rozie D., John D.
Absent Fred C., Chris J., Alice K., Paul K., Mike H., Bill M., Harry P., Dave P.
late Gord D., Harry K., Randy N.

Minutes:
- actually 11 comrades active in election campaign
m/c to adopt as amended

Correspondence:
- prof. in Vancouver wants copies to distribute as well as in London
- some contributors to fund drive and subs

NDP report:
- Ross D. reported on activity in his poll; discussion with Lukin Robinson on possibility of NDP to power
- Harry P. offerred full-time staff position till end of campaign
- Murray picked up from Ross' comment with view that
1) NDP is not confident of taking power
2) that it may lose seats
- organizer should contact Paul K. on his NDP work and where its being done
- organizer should contact Dale R. on possibility of left-wing developing in Dovercourt
- we need reports from Harry P. on NDP work
m/c to adopt

Educational report:
-evaluation of Ross' internal on nuclear energy
- Homily for tonights internal on Hawaiian movement

Fund Drive report:
- up to 3,000.00 in pledges
- 800.00 collected so far
- mostly comrades not too many contact so far

Other Business:
- organizer should inform comrades of the editorial board meeting 8:00
- camp Foundermaker weekend, successful , many people out for it but no educational program

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting for May 29/77

Chairperson: Gord D.
Secretary: Abie W.

Membership & Contacts:
m/c to grant Wayne & Ellie K. a leave of absence for the summer period

Educational:
m/c to accept Harry K.'s resignation as educational coordinator
m/c to nominate Paul K. as educational coordinator with the executive functioning as the educational committee for the summer

m/c to have internal on the British political situation this wednesday
m/c to adopt the topic "Relationship of leadership and membership in labour organizations and the NDP: the challenges and possibilities" for the following internal educational
m/c to nominate Calvin J. to present internal and alternatively to propose a panel

Editorial Board:
-referral from editorial board
m/c to accept board recommendation that Harry K. be interim editor for the summer period during which two issues will be published

Fund Drive:
- contacts being approached late

NDP: Dale R. Reporting
discussion centered on
- NDP leadership has moved to right and is challenging convention policy
- NDP leadership not projecting possibility of winning government
- disagreement over whether NDP leadership is striving for or wants to form the government at this time
- polarization is deepening in party
- left MPP's statement of protest is circulating
- recommendation of an internal NDP campaign critical of leadership
- endorse ~~the~~ a protest telegram initiative ~~of~~ for Dovercourt riding to provincial office and explore prospects of forming a left-wing
- Forward distribution's remain on previous policy of distributions not being done by comrades in their ridings but in other ridings but keeping a flexible attitude in the degree to which distributions could be done in comrades own riding

m/c to mobilize comrades to distribute on election day or operate as scruiteneers
- Harry P. will be able to attend the NDP federal convention and possible Paul K.

Other Business:
- discussion on abortion demonstration and the failure of the movement's participation

Adjournment

m/c & adopt.

Minutes of the Branch meeting for June 1/77

Chairperson: Dale R.
Secretary: Abie W.
m/c to refer matter of permanent secretary to executive
Attendence: Absent: Fred C., Paul K., Ian K. Mike H., Bill M., Harry P., Dave P.
Minutes: A.W.R.: Roxi D., Chris J., Calvin J., Randy N.; L.O.A. Ellie & Wayne R.
m/c to prepare the three sets of outstanding minutes for next branch

m/c to refer the question of status of organizer with respect to full or part-time status to executive

Membership & Contacts:
m/c to grant Ellie K. & Wayne R. a leave of absence for the summer

m/c to approach Gordan Hatt to become a member of the movement

Fund Drive: Murray D. reporting
- drive pledges on schedule
- collection lagging
- pledges from contacts lagging due to late start
- lists of contacts to be handed out to comrades next-week

m/c to adopt

NDP report: Dale R. reporting
- executive discussion reported on (see executive minutes)
- Harry K. reported on campaign leaflet endorsing sectarian schools integration into public educational system and recommending supporting-organizing boycott of leaflet

m/c to adopt both reports

Abortion demonstration: Abie reporting
- movement missed event
- participating comrades in work area did not deed into movement and didn't attend branch meetings to report on build-up prior to action
- 400-500 participated
- poorly built

Educational report: Abie W. reporting
- evaluation of Homily's educational on Hawaii by Ross D.

m/c to hear educational on British left and the Labour Party by Harry K.

Break for Dues and Pledges

Educational

Forward report: Abie W.
m/c to assign Homily as Circulation Coordinator in addition to Ian K. as Business Manager

Other Business:
1) Distribution report: Abie W.
Calander & Adjournment 10:55 pm

Accepted June 15/77

29 /77

Minutes of the June ~~15~~ Branch Meeting

Chairperson: Ross Dowson

Secretary: Dale Ritch

Attendence: Present- Dale, Ross, Abie, John

AWR- Homily, Murry, Paul, Ellie, Wayne, Harry P., Chris

m/c to give Paul a leave of absence for a month

m/c to refer to the executive the question of Paul's leave of absence

Minutes:

m/c to table minutes from July 15 to the next branch meeting

m/c to adopt minutes as read from June 22, 1977.

Correspondance: 1) Abie reported on some letters he is sending out to the supporters of the paper.

2) m/ to overturn the executive decision to publish the two letters critical of the Fund Drive letter; ruled out of order

Membership & Contacts: Abie has told Jerry that he will have to go through a longer experience with the movement before considering recruitment being.

Fund Drive Report: Abie moved that we extend the fund drive for another two weeks. ~~Ian~~ Ross proposed that we ask the fund drive director to re-evaluate the lists for approaching of contacts for funds.

Educational Report:

m/c to open nominations for future educationals.

m/c to adopt ~~two~~ two topics,

Norman Penner's book.

m/c to refer two topics to the executive: community organizing, Bill C2,4 and sharpening national struggle in Quebec, O'toole's work on sectarianism

NDP Report:

report on Ziemba, Winnipeg convention and ONDP leadership race.

Camp Poundmaker Repot:

Abie reported on the upcoming Camp Poundmaker week-end

m/c that Johm D. give educational on Quebec and Ross give one on the O'Toole Report. m/c that the SL pick-up a couple of cases of beer for sale at the camp.

Other Business: paper has been pushed back. New deadlime for printing is July 8.

m/c that we postpone tonight's educational until next week and push up Penner forum until July 13.

Calendar

Adjournment.

Minutes of July 6, 1977

Chair: Ian K.

Sec: Abie, Homily (late)

Attendence: Gord. Doc. excused, Juhn AWR, Homily late, Murry LOA, Randy AWR, Chris, LOA, Paul LOA, Harry P. AWR, Ellie LOA, Wayn e LOA.

Minutes: 6/15/77 read adopted, 6/29/77 read adopted with amendments, 6/22/77 read and adopted.

Membership and contacts: New contact Morley who heard about us through the NDP.

Correspondance: Homily has recieved correspondance from the SWP and may be getting an article published in th e ICP. Art Gray sent in contribution and NDP report on local riding.

Forward Fund Drive: Now up to 4500.00 pledge, 2000.00 collec ted.

Camp Poundmaker: Made 39.00 . Spent 140.00 collected 179.00. Ross gave an ed ucational on O'Toole's work. Ross moves an ed ucational week-end in which we would invite other prominent figures and groups on the left to a week-end discussion. M/c

Educ. Report: Internal for next week Dale on Norman Penner book.

Topic moved by Ian on LSA experience in the Waffle referred to th e executive.

Break for dues and pledges

Educational- Abie W.

Other Business: Jane Chisholm has had a baby, card to be sent. Alliance for Non Zionist Jews decision on Iraquis invitation to be tabled and referred to the executive. Discussion of NDP convention in Winnipeg to be put high on next week's agenda. FORWARD production date set for Monday July 11. Crisis in bookstore, workers needed for Tues. and Thurs.

Adjournment 10:30;

Minutes of Branch Meeting July 20, 1977

Chair: Gord. D.

See: Abie, Homily.

Attendence: M/c to adopt re port. July 25- Aug. 3 LOA for Ian Kellogg

Minutes: m/c to refer to nex t branch meeting minutes of July 16th and 6th.

M/c to re-adopt June 29 minutes.

Correspondance: repo rt on Ellie's letter. M/c to accept as information.

Member ship and Contacts: m/c to accept Fred C. resignation without political prejudice and accept him as sympathizer.

FORWARD Fund Drive Repo rt: Pledges according to Abie 4235.00. Paid is 3,090.00

Moved to close Fund Drive officially. M/c to refer report to next meeting for final reconciliation.

Educ. Report: Evaluation of Dale's internal on Penner's book. ~~Gord thought it was good, and Homily thought that~~ M/c that next week's eductional should be on a programmatic orientation to municipal politics to be given by Dale.

Camp Poundmaker: We endorse furth er investigation of a possible united front forum or camp week-end with Norm Pennrr and other organs of left such Marxist Institute to be referred to executive for further action. Proceed with two week-ends on Aug. 1st and Labor Day of a regular character. Educ. for Aug. week-end referred to executive.

Adopted July 27th

Minutes of Branch Meeting of July 27, 1977

Chair.: Gord. D.

Sec. : Homily

Attendence: Abie, Dale, Ross, Homily, Gord here. John D. late, Calvin late. Rozi AWR, Harry K. AWR, Randy N. AWR

Minutes: July 6th, 13th and 20th read and adopted.

Correspondance: Important and friendly correspondance recieved from Cy Gonick on FORWARD as well as a contribution. Ross moves we should get in touch with Wayne to ask if we can publish it in FORWARD. Talk should not currently go beyond our comrades.
- Brian Emory has written us a letter with another contribution. Referred to executive.
- Danny Goldstick letter referred to executive.

FORWARD Fund Drive: 4315.00 pledged. 3170.00 collected. Report referred to executive on how to carry it out.

Educational Report : Evaluation of Eurocommunism educational by Homily.
Dale educational on muncipal program moved to next week. Ross moves to refer educatuonal crisis to executive. M/C Hatbox moved for evenings educational.

NDP Report : Report on Lupusella activity in getting Floyd Laughren to run for NDP prpvincial leadership. Report on caucas for NDP metro council. M/C We should move behond Laughren campaign and attempt to identify ourselves with the establishment of a left t candidate who will carry a left campaign. M/C Gord should have a discussion with Jim C. about Heap group and propose Calvin join group.

Gay Demo.: Homily gives report on Gay de_mo. Statement attached.

Alliance of Non Zionist Jews:mRepo_rt on UJPO Conference and intervention of ANZO.

Other Business: We declared our solidarity with the July 26th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution.

Adjournment; 10:26.

Minutes of Branch Mtg. of Aug. 3, 1977

Chair.: Calvin

Sec.: Homily

Attend: Rozi AWR, Ellie, Wayne, Ian, Murry, LOA, Paul AWR, Dale AWR, Bill AWR

Membership and Contacts: Gord reports on two contacts Frank Zabora a leading Czech journalist. Ross reported on Dale's contact Manuel. We should consider him one. Has a sub to paper and made a 15 dollar contribution to fund drive.

NDP Report : Ross is now a member of the NDP.

Educ. Report: Ross to give educational on international debate regarding State Capitalism and the nature of the USSR at the next Branch Meeting.

Circulation Report: Distributed RMG convention. ½ took it, RMG supporters spurned it.

Camp Poundmaker: Ross wants executive to discuss it.

Educational//

Minutes of branch meeting of August 10, 1977

Chairperson: John D.
Secretary: Abie W.

Agenda: m/c to adopt

Attendence: Absent; Alice K., Paul K., Harry P.,

Minutes: m/c to refer to next meeting

Correspondence: Abie W. reporting
- report on Zane Boyd's letter
- report on letter from Arab Palestine Association
  m/c to endorse Harry K. and Abie W.'s participation in the meeting for August 13
- report on setting up an exchange with The New International Review

Membership and Contacts:
- report on Stephen Litchen
- discussion on Morley

Executive report: Abie W. reporting
- Abie W.'s term as organizer has ended and he has resigned as organizer
m/c to put Ross D. on staff to take care of the bookstore, the reading of the papers and some other necessary functions until an organizer is selected
- report on the executive decision to table the branch referral of whether to publish the letters critical of the Forward Fund Drive appeal letter plus reply so reversing its previous decision

Educational:
m/c to postpone educational on municipal programme by Dale R. to next branch meeting
m/c to hold educational on In Defense of Marxism by Ross D.

Break for Dues and Pledges

Internal Educational: Ross D. on In Defense of Marxism and on Eurocommunism

NDP report: Dale R. reporting
- report on draft campaign party for Lloyd Laughtran
  - 90(1/3 of the prov. caucus) attended
  - 3 alderman
  - Laughtran still to decise to run or not
- report on the B.C. NDP convention
  - Open Caucus and Women's Caucus discussed

Other Business:
- Dave P. reporting on initiative of Gunther Bela on industrial democracy to compose resolution for prov. council ONDP

- Circulation report: Abie W. reporting
  - T.T.C. and I.B.E.W. workers distributed; few and 75 respectively

m/c to grant a leave of absence to Gord Price for 1 week
m/c to grant a L.O.A. to Abie W. for three weeks

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Adjournment 10:45

(Aug. 31, 1977)

MINUTES OF BARACK MEETING AUG. 31st.

Chair.: Gord D.

Sec. : Homily

Minutes: Tabled to next week.

Contacts & Membership: Gord talked with Jim C. and Janie C. regarding views on movement. Zane worked on paper and in bookstore. Charlie Lee will be making a sustainer pledge.

Correspondance: None.

Educational: ~~Ross on Pornography Question, evaluation of.~~ EVALUATION OF ROSS' INTERVIEW ON THE CLEAN-UP OF YONGE ST.

Financial Report: Nothing further to report.

Executive Report: No exec. mtg.

Trade Union Report: Discussion of current campaign regarding the evaluation of incompetent teachers. Gord put forward motion that we should not support current campaign. Further discussion dealt with how this problem related to a lack of class experience by the teachers. We should enlighten them regarding the experience of the industrial trade union movement concerning grievance procedures.
-Discussion of electrical workers situation and their demand for a shorter work week.

Campus Report : Exec. should Speak with Abie and campus comrades on U. of T. literature table for orientation week.

Social Report: Tabled discussion of a [redacted] film party.

NDP Report: Gord pointed out that Blakeney's full statement on Quebec and War warned regarding it and that Blakeney explicitly stated he opposed it.

New Business: Discussed labor day intervention.

Adjourned.

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING SEPT. 14/77

Chair: Calvin
Secretary ~~Kinsley~~ Homily
Transcribed by John D.
Attendance: Bill M., Harry K. Wayne absent without reason.
Minutes : Minues of Aug. 24th and 31st read and adopted.
Mmembership & Contacts: Ross moved the executive strike off a person to talk with Harry P. about his current status. Ross discussed a contact by the name of Ed Aldiss and mentioned that comrades might have ~~xx~~ some discussions with him.
Educatonal Report: Discusion of previous week's hatbox.
Edecutive Report: none.
Trade Union Report: discussion of conference on ~~x~~ unemployment to be held in the OFL later on this month. Dale referred to question of our intervention in this conference to the exec.
Campus report~~X~~:none
NDP Report: Gord reported that ~~ax~~ riding assoc. leader has asked him if he would stand for being a Metro council delegate. Ross reported on St. George riding association meeting. Discussion of whether Abie should go to Eli Martel meeting for leadership of NDP. M/C that Abie should go. Discussion of Abie and other non-active members as to where in the NDP they should go for working. Discussion of our positiion regarding an involvement in coming NDP leadership con vention. Ellie reporet ed on NDP campaign in Owen Sound.
New Business: Abie reported on Pugwash meeting.
Calendar
Adjournment.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TORONTO BRANCH - SEPT. 21/77 at *8:25 PM

Chairperson: Calvin J.
Tem p secretary: John D.
Attendance: absent without reason: Chris J., Alice K., Bill M., Harry P., Dave P. Gord and Ho mily late.

Minutes: Minutes of last meeting tabled as not available.

Correspondence: Ross reported that letter from Art Grey indicated he wished comrade to visit Art K. and others for discussions, this coming weekend. m/c that Ross go to Orillia this weekend.
Ross also reported that a teacher has contaced us for a speaker on socialism for his school next week. m/c that Ian, Paul or Abie speak at the school, Lorne Park Collegiate. Organizer to contact.

Membership & Contacts:
Murray D. announced his regisnation from the League. When pressed for an explation he stated: 1)because SL is a haven for homosexuals, 2) orientation to NDP wrong, the SL is a regolutionary sect, 3) because of actions of Ross D. in 1951. not carrying the "entrist" line.
Discussion followed. No recorded motion.

Educational Re port: Eval uation of Homilys internal on the Social Democracy in Europe last week.
m/c that Exec. approach Homily for further educational on current situation and left currents in S-D's .
Ian unable to give educaional slated for tonight.

Break for Dues & Pledges.

Executive Report: discussion on date of next ecex. meeting, Sunday 2 PM

Trade Union Report: Calvin reported on Labor Council meeting Thursday past, Alan Borovoy spoke. Negotiatio ns coming up at Cole Steel.
Gord reported on Left Teadhers leaflet in OSSTF. Abie reported on negotiatons in Grade ate Studnts Union. Dale repored on CUPE local where Alice is hegotiating.

Campus Reprot: Abie reported on York, where YS has amassed fraction of 7 or 8 from across country and intervening in by-elections. Their proposal s for electon campaign defeated, forcing ULC to find new level of activity.
Discussion on YS's tactics.

NDP REPORT: Ross reported on Rosedale Federal riding where he has been elected Vice Pres after carrying line to maintain riding in Federal elelction coming up.
Gord repo rted on Oriole riding. Dale repoted on Breuagh's and Martel's Ontario leadership campaigns and Lupulsella's programmatic proposals.

m/c to grant Dale leave of absence from Sept. 28 to Oct. 10 for holidays.

Adjournment.

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING OCT. 2/77 at 8:15 pm

Chairperson Harry K.
Temp. secretary John D.
Attendance : Absent without reason: Calvin J., Alice K., Paul K., Mike H., Randy N., Bill M., Dave P.
Minutes: M/c to defer minues of Sept 7, 14 and 21 - not ready.
MembershiP : Ross D. reported on trip to Coldwater where he talked to 3 contacts of Art Grey.

Discussion on shameful departure of Murray D. from movement at last meeting, and that we cut off all relations with him.

m/c that executive discuss holding some public activity such as classes.

Educational report: Gord reported that Homily unabel to give ed. tonight second on Second International in Euqope. m/c that this educational be postponed until next week.

m/c to have internal next week on the debate in the nationalist left on the nature of Canada's dependency to the US.

m/c that Abie be speaker.

mc to hold future educational on Clements new book on nature of Cdn capitalist class, date to be determined.

m/c from Executive that time be set aside for discussion and vote on Randy N's document on Gay Liberation. Discussion.

m/c to postpone further discussion until document contrary to Randy's which is being prepared becoms available, after which oral discussion will continue.

Financial Report: none.
Break for Dues and Pledges.
Executive Report: Gord reported on lack of available comrade to take up organizers post.

Preliminary report on proposals to restructure Executivecomposed of coordinators of following functions: 1) Financial 2)Editorial Board 3) Forward administration, circulation manager, 4) Educationals and Socials, 5) NDP , 6) Bookstore, 7) labor and trade union work. Organizer to be chosen by executive.

m/c to refer proposals back to Executive for further consideration as regards 1) necessity of Forward bookstore as executive member, 2) Forward administrator should incl ude circulation, 3)add labor and union co-ordinator, 4) reconsider whether editor of Forward should bbe on Executive.

m/c we hold Branch conference within framework of problems of movement.

Gord also raised problem of lack of attendance at Branch meetings and reported Exec. proposal to hold Branch meetings on alternate Sundays nights, with Exec. meetings on Sunday nights between.

Campus Report: Abie reported on ULC by-election campaign. YS is pushing to identify themselves as ULCers. Gord reported on U of T conference on nationalism and Ideology where Claude Ryan will speak; to be distributed.
NDP Report: Gord reported on Metro Toronto Area Council meeting which included participation of left wingers. Discussion there on municipal program in contect of running full NDP slate.
New Business: Ross reported on RWL meeting, attended by 150 but without any real outside forces. Invitation to SL to give greetings extended by Steve Moore but later withdrawn by Jackie Larkin. Bob Sherwood refused to speak for Lambertistes. Gay life style question a divisive

issue at meeting.

Gord reported Wayne R. attended meeting on commemoration of 100th anniversary of Quebec union movement.

Harry K. reported on Damien Case. Damien Defence committee viciously attacked by Body Politic and GATE fromultraleft demand it take up multi-gay issues. Discussion on possible split if opposition attempts takeover.

Harry also reported labor support for ~~Red~~ Gray Tide gay case in BC.

Adjournment: 10:45 pm

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TORONTO BRANCH Oct. 15/77 at 8:15

Sec: Homily

Chair.: Abie

Minutes: Oct. 9th read and carried

Correspondance: None.

Membership & Contacts; Sarah MacKenzie and other contacts dropped into bookstore to inquire regarding educational program.

Educational Report: Recommended that we have an external educational on our new pamphlet on Quebec and the Canada crisis Nov. 4th and that we hold it at a comrades home. m/c

Executive Report: Branch Conference recommended by the executive to be held Nov. 20th to deal with the movements current priorities and problems. It is proposed that we have discussions on four documents concerning the movement: 1) the nature of our NDP involvement 2) the need for a bookstore 3) Our name and whether it should be changed 4) the role of the paper and its use in building the movement. m/c

Trade Union Report: Cliff Pilkey and the OFL are giving a series of talks and organizing meetings regarding unemployment in Canada. It would be good if some comrades could attend them.

Campus Report: ULS election up at York. Excalibur did not support the ULS candidates. The branch feels it can not draw any conclusions on these and other issues because it lacks adequete feed-in from the York fraction.

New Business: We allocate money for an extensive mailing of our new pamphlet to the left press and other important people on the left as well those on the list of supporters of the New Constitution published in Canadian Forum. m/c

Social Report: Movement social to be held Nov. 12th at Homily's for the shpwing of documentary films.

ADJOURNMENT

Adopted as read

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TORONTO BRANCH N.D.P. FRACTION
October 30, 1977 at 8:15 pm

Chairperson: Gord elected on exec. recc.
Temporary Secretary: John D.
Attendance: Reports on comrades and contacts not able to come or having said would come.
Minutes: Minutes of previous branch meeting not typed. m/c to table until next week
Executive Report: Gord reported Exec. proposal adopted last week to have meeting constituted tonight as NDP fraction meeting, open to non-members we work with in the area. Discussion on our goal of building a mass left wing in the NDP.
Main Report on NDP work: Harry P. reported.
Followed by reports on constituency clubs and Metro Toronto Area council.

Report on Leadership Convention: Dale reported on leadership race.
Recommendations 1) that we encourage Dovercourt riding to call a meeting of the supporters of its resolution; 2) that we seek a leadership candidate at this meeting, 3) that we promote the idea of a partial or full leadership slate, adopted.
Discussion on submission of resolutions for forthcoming convention. M/c that we give top priority to the following categories: 1) Dovercourt resolution calling for immediate nationalization of Inco, 2) for a constituent assembly and a new constitution, 3) for a moratorium on nuclear power development, 4) Abolition of the RCMP, and in addition, the following resolutions, 5) 30 for 40 and unemployment, 6) public ownership of branch plants which shut down.
m/c that Forward have an article on these subjects.

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 pm

Minutes of Toronto Br. mtg. Nov 6th /71 @ 8:15 pm

Chairperson: Randy Potts

Temporary Secretary: John D.

Attendance: NSK: Rozi D., Chris J., Calvin J., Alice K., Paul K., Tom K., Anita H., Neil K., Dave P., Bob R.,

Minutes: minutes of meeting of Oct 15, Oct 22 and Oct 30 read and adopted.

Correspondence: Ross reported interim meeting of Constitution pamphlet has been due to NSK & PR needs, design copies, etc. will investigate and ~~get~~ join Calvin to form ~~get~~ presented that Ist draft defeated at Peterborough plant

M/C refer correspondence with Brian Emery to executive

Manin - publicity should be wanted

Tom Olsen gave $20 to forward

Educational Report:- Discussion on Alice's informal on ~~Expenses~~ Canada's status as a Legendary.

External:- Report on John D's talk on the pamphlet on the new Constitution.

M/C not to hold another house forum until after the Branch Conf.

M/C to call Kathy at end of meeting

over

Recruitment Report: Ross reported on planning Breakfast Conf. and progress with document. Mary H. to prepare written doc re Day questions. Mary Laine enthusiastic, doc. on PSR work to be discussed by Exec.

Professional Report: Ross reported on Education Conf attended by Fred and Caloria.

Chris - Charter vote on Sunday reported by Graduate Students' Union

Campus Report Chris reported on Campus Election proposals discussed

1) VIC educational program - not felt we could carry it.
2) Student aid program - OFS organizing - decided to should work in Committee

Circulation of VIC by-election campaign, and non-support of Escalibur

$2.00 cash - Ross
20.00 - cheque - Randy

Social Committee

Ad/C Committee to be struck off to organize social for 12th

New Business:

Ross reported on CUPE mtg. attended by Mary H.

Women's demo sat in at gasline protesting A[illegible] a number arrested.

Discussion on tactic in demo - re [illegible] politics.

Ross reported demo planned by Nat. League organized as propaganda rallies each Sunday at U of T.

ROSS - SC signed petition, support demo on Tues 15th

Ross & Phil to Calendar Committee Adjournment 10:15 pm

Educational - based on USA (Britain) Cobbs & Perspectives/

~~Project~~ - Document -

Discussion to be raised by Abie on ~~Response to~~ Bruno's letter by letter by Ross re last issue re Forward

Local - Head - Mayor - visit re the 26th-28th Jan. Sunday at Waldon Creek Park

Campus: Abie reported a struggle between Maoist, & Trotskyists - Anarchists - re unions suspended - Our position opposed to admin. action, Realism for defence of victimised Maoist, Defence Cmt. ~~has~~ had 50 people Abie participated ~~in~~ - Abie also called for a weekly stm of Local rule on campus at CYSL meeting

Minutes of Toronto Branch Meeting Nov. 13th, 1977 8:30

Sec. : Homily

Chair. : Ian K.

Attendence: AWR; John D., Wayne R. , Ellie K., Abie W., Harry K., Dave P.

Minutes: Tabled til next week.

Social Report: 25.00 profit made on house social Homily's plus 10.00 stock for next social gethering. 25 attended. Good attendence considering problems some had in finding the location. m/c we have a social affair on Boxing Day. It will be a sleighride at Wilit Creek Park.

m/c We have a house social New Year's Eve.

NDP Report: Ross reported on St. George Riding Assoc. meeting. Deadline for NdP resolutions has been moved up to Dec. 11th. Report on Art G.'s riding We should have a discussion on how NDP leadership is shaping up at the next branch meeting. Ian reported on Downsview Riding.

Branch Conf.: m/c we postpone the branch conference til Nov. 27th. We should invite Fred. C. to conference.

Campus Report: Report on CYSF budget meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- Nov. 15, 1977: 8:25 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Harry K. Secretary: Gord

2. Attendance: m/c to seat Ross
   -present: Gord, Ross, Ellie, Harry K., Abie, Calvin
   -l.w.r.-- Harry Paine

3. Report on branch conference:
   -report that branch conference be closed and that gay discussion be postponed until a written reply is available

4. NDP Document:
   -report by Harry P.
   -discussion of Harry K.'s political document in conjunction with NDP document
   -m/c to strike off Harry K., Ellie, and Gord as a cttee. to rewrite the organizational document , extrapolating from Harry P.'s document and to make the NDP document more streamlined

5. Other Business:
   -m/c to have next exec. mtg. on Tues. Nov. 22
   -m/c to hold branch conference on Dec. 4

6. Adjournment at 11:30 p.m.

Minutes of Executive Meeting: Nov. 22, 1977:

1. Chairperson: Harry K. Secretary: Gord

2. Attendance: l.w.r. -- Gord
   -present--Gord, Ross, Calvin, Harry K., Ellie
   -absent: Harry P, Abie

3. Gay Discussion:
   -m/c to carry a line for keeping the Damien Foundation as a broad, civil liberties committee and to hold out a perspective to our contacts for intervening in this cttee.
   -m/c to direct Harry K. to continue with GATE-Vancouver case

4. Discussion on Documentation for Branch Conference:
   -NDP document:emphasis should be to explain why we work in the NDP
   -Organizational document:
      -critique of last executive
      -problem of organizer
      -establish our Trotskyism and democratic-centralism
      -define what Trotskyism is
   -m/c to adopt general line of discussion
   -documents to be ready for next Tues.: Gay document by Harry K., and NDP and Organizational documents
   -m/c that exec. propose branch mtg. every other week alternated on remaining weeks with a public educational

5. Organizer:
   -m/c to approach Ian, Calvin, Alice, and Harry P. re organizership
   -Gord to see Ian
   -Ellie to see Harry P. and Alice

6. New Business
   -m/c to hold next exec. mtg. on Wed.

7. Adjournment at 11:30 p.m.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- Nov. 30, 1977:

1. Chairperson: Harry K. Secretary: Gord

2. Attendance: a.w.r.--Calvin, Harry P.
   -present: Abie, Ellie, Harry K., Ross, Gord, Paul
   -m/c to seat Paul K. and Ross D.

3. Correspondence:
   -Randy N.'s letter of protest and withdrawal of gay document was read
   -m/c to refer discussion to discussion on gay document

4. Documentation:
   -m/c to refer question of Paul's document on the I.S. to the incoming executive
   -m/c that Wayne, Harry K., and Gord collaborate on Forward report
   -m/c to remove gay liberation discussion from branch conference agenda
   -m/c to explain to branch conference the reason for abandoning gay discussion, i.e. Randy's withdrawal of his document and that exec. couldn't prepare a reply document in time
   -m/c to refer to next executive the task of posing a gay liberation line document
   -m/c to table Harry K.'s Gay document
   -m/c to adopt Organizational document subject to amendments put forward in discussion
   -m/c to file Randy's correspondence to executive
   -m/c to hold another exec. mtg. on Sat. and settle the Forward report and NDP document then
   -m/c to propose a team of organizers instead of one
   -m/c to propose Ellie and Gord for organizer team (part-time and temporary)
   -proposal for executive slate: Gord, Ellie, Calvin, Harry K., Ross, and Wayne -- discussed as nominations without deciding
   -m/c that Wayne be approached for running for exec. position by Harry K.

5. Agenda for Branch Conference:
   -m/c that Ellie present Organizational Document
   -m/c that Gord present Financial Report and NDP report

6. Adjournment at mid-night

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- Dec. 3, 1977:

1. Chairperson: Ellie Secretary: Gord

2. Attendance: present -- Harry K., Ross, Ellie, Wayne, Gord
   -a.w.r.--Harry P., Abie, Calvin; m/c to seat Ross and Wayne

3. Proposal for New Executive:
   -m/c that proposal for executive slate be Gord, Ellie, Calvin, Harry K., Ross, and Wayne

4. Evaluation of Outgoing Executive:
   -m/c to have an evaluation of the previous executive and problems of the S.L. and the problem of the organizer as an introduction to the executive slate
   -m/c that Harry K. give this report

5. Forward Report:
   -discussion on outline of report -- Wayne to present it
   -m/c that we project 9 issues of Forward per year

6. NDP Document:
   -m/c to adopt the general line of Gord's presentation of the NDP document to the branch conference

7. Branch Conference Agenda (projected to end at 5:30 p.m.):
   -m/c to propose that Calvin chair the meeting
   -Gord to call the meeting to order and explain the agenda
   -NDP Report by Gord (25 min.)
   -NDP discussion (60 min.)
   -Forward report by Wayne (20 min.)
   -Forward discussion (30 min.)
   -Organizational Report by Ellie (20 min.)
   -Discussion on Organizational Report (40 min.)
   -Financial Report by Gord (10 min.)
   -Exec. Assessment and Elections by Harry K. (30 min.)

8. Adjournment at 4:15 p.m.

Annual Conference of the Socialist League, Sunday, December 4, 1977.

1:30 PM - Gord Doctorow called the meeting to order. About 20 persons attended, including 3 women - Alice Klein, Ellie Kizner, Rog Doctorow. An agenda was proposed. A Gay Liberation report was scheduled, but Randy Hotte has withdrawn this document, saying that Ross's article in the last "Foward" had pregudged it. Randy was not present. An executive document will replace it, it is incomplete and not scheduled for today.

John Darling was selected as Chairman, and Hornby as secretary. The meeting was scheduled to end at 6 P.M.

NDP Report - (Gord Doctorow) - There is an important article published in Canadian Dimension (Vol. 12, #6), "The Tasks for Marxist Groupings Today", which is essentially our own policy. It starts with the NDP, while rejecting its reformism. The working class at present has little socialist consciousness, and therefore, a new party to the left of the NDP is not on the agenda.

The SL members are few, but we have a clearer orientation than any other group. The NDP is the arena of developing class consciousness. We have no intention of cutting ourselves off from these developing forces. We will be there to expedite development. We have to deal with the real situation.

The Canadian working class still lacks the boldness to push their own leaders forward. The October 14 Day of Protest last year was not pushed from below. The NDP is in temporary stagnation or decline, with no viable left wing at present. But it will revive, because the bourgeoisie wants the working class to pay for the economic crisis.

New radicals have rejected the NDP altogether. Union struggles have not produced any political strategy. Leftist

groups at this time are ultraleft and sectarian, with a stress on lifestyle questions. We must be where the most active working class people are. The NDP riding activists, however backward, are in advance of the class as a whole. We must stay linked to the class we aspire to lead. Thus our orientation is long term, unconditional support to the NDP. We are a patient educational group. We present the concepts of the transitional program in the NDP milieu. We are getting integrated into the day to day work of the ridings. A left wing will ultimately emerge from the failures of the NDP leaders, but at present it is formless. Our perspective is to find ways to reach people who are trying to find answers. We must try to obtain posts in the riding executives and so forth.

There was a secret caucusing of left wingers at the last Provincial Council meeting - (Mary Boyce, etc).

Members of the S.L. have an obligation to be members of the NDP, without sectarianism or ultraleftism, or adaptation to the right. We have the interests of the working class at heart, we are revolutionaries in a reformist milieu. The proletariat will gradually create its own party.

DISCUSSION - (Harry Kopyto) - we are diverging from the Revolutionary Workers League on NDP policy. The last issue of "Socialist Voice" contained both the LSA and the RMG positions. They ask, should we build the NDP, should we work to get unions to affiliate to the NDP? The mere publication of these questions blocks their influence in the NDP. Ours is the only Marxist tendency capable of working in the NDP. We thus have a great burden to carry the tradition tested in practice. In the 1963-67 period we recruited 50

comrades from the NDP, nearly all young people. The upsurge of that period was largely student and middle class dissidents. The next upsurge will be more proletarian in character.

(Ross Dawson) - We represent the historic, long term interests of the working class. Reforms are of objective interest to the working class also. The Transitional Program spans these. We carry on although there is no structured left wing. Ross's riding had an internal upheaval, they used Ross as a left cover against Lukin Robinson, who was ousted from the executive. There is no real left, but the right wingers are in trouble because of class conflicts. Other groups are abstaining from activity. We can get resolutions through. I adapted some of them to right wing pressure because it was necessary to get the basic resolution passed. We were able to run Harry Payne and Harry Kopyto municipally without breaking with the NDP. The right wing pressure on us is very great. We must strengthen our own organization to meet it.

(Dale Ritch) - the report is not concrete on where the NDP left is at, or what we do about it. The Dovercourt resolution is a basis for immediate practical work. The amorphous left is actually an advantage to us. A new left wing will crystallize out and we will be in a leadership position if we play our cards correctly. The NDP people are stirred up even though most of the working class is not. The overall prospects for us are very good. The left is beginning to realize that they have to struggle, and this will rapidly become an open struggle for control of party policy. Floyd Laughlin realized that his leadership campaign would have polarized the party, that

is the reason why he backed off. We are moving.

(Harry Payne) - I agree with Dale. We have the objective conditions to build our movement. The NDP leaders are failing even on simple reformist issues. We are the best fighters because we have the program. We must not remain isolated. We can only proletarianize ourselves through the NDP, in which there is a lot of dissatisfaction. Many of them do not know the basics of socialism, we must educate the ~~xx~~ NDP membership.

(Hamily) - We must do educational work within the NDP. The left sentiment is mostly not conscious, it is not a conscious leftism. We are the conscious leftists. These people will react to a document or a resolution but not to an organization. We must fight for leadership posts, but successes do not mean leadership of the class.

(Paul Kellogg) - What guarantee do we have that any left wing will form in the NDP? In Britain the Labour Party has lost two thirds of its members, but no left wing has formed. Between elections, the machinery of the NDP doesn't function. In the ridings I know, Downsview and Oakwood, the people in the NDP between election periods are mostly right-wing assholes.

(Dale Ritch) - We cannot form another Socialist Caucus. The membership immediately think of the Waffle. I don't expect a left wing organization within the NDP for quite a while. We may still have some sort of caucus before the Provincial Convention. We can be bold at the Convention because of the presence of a "broad left." We are not prepared for a death-struggle for control which will certainly follow the formation of a crystallized left.

(Harry Kopyto) - Schreyer and Stephen Lewis have betrayed the party. But the left has not proposed any leader. The secret left at the Provincial Council did not put anyone forward as possible leader. We are part of a process, but we cannot substitute ourselves for the process. I was in England recently. The British Labour Party is not in severe decline and it does have a left wing, the "Militant" group, which is active. Popular support for Labour is currently on the upswing. The NDP leaders have not betrayed the consciousness of the class, and the workers are not to the left of it. The party still has a mass base.

(Harry Payne) - The leadership race is quite colourless, even the right wingers feel they have no real choice. There is no riding where everybody in the membership can be dismissed as assholes. Ross is in St. George, part of the Rosedale area, and he has been able to accomplish a lot. We have not been able to work with one another through fraction meetings. An advance for our movement is quite possible.

(Ross Dowson) - Paul Kellogg's complaint is one sided, but the situation is not gung-ho either. All the bullshit used against the Waffle will be used again. But some sort of a left wing is almost inevitable in the NDP. There are wide vaudtions in membership and activity in different ridings. In Alberta there have been expulsions of LSA members, including Don Tapscott. We must avoid expulsion if we can.

SUMMARY - (Gord Doctorow) - The Trade Union movement is even less active than the NDP, which can still

mobilize broad sections of the class, at least at election times. Even Stephen Lewis has to be nice to the labour unions. A left wing should be structured if it is practicable. We were in it before. We had influence in the Waffle, where a lot of people came from the former Socialist ~~Left~~ Caucus. In British Columbia an "Open Caucus" has been formed. We have an uneven tempo of left wing formation. Others will determine the time. We project its formation as soon as practicable.

[RESOLUTION ADOPTED, WITH 2 ABSTENTIONS].

A letter from Randy Hotte was read, withdrawing his document because he was offended by Ross's article. The meeting rejected the line of the letter. By removing the document he had terminated the discussion unilaterally

Abie Weisfeld made a motion to file the letter. It was voted to open discussion for ten minutes.

(Abie Weisfeld) - Randy's action in withdrawing his document creates a problem. Ross's attitude on the matter is not official. We cannot have a fair discussion now.

(Harry Kopyto) - Some time ago Jim Mitchell wrote a letter to Forward advocating a gay life style, the editorial board did not publish it. In the case of Therese Faubert, gay lifestyle was used electorally by the LSA. Ours is a civil rights position, as it has always been. Randy's letter distorts Ross's article.

(Ross Dowson) - one of the founding documents of the SL was a plenum resolution of 1971 on gay rights. The stand is on civil rights for gays, not on the lifestyle.

[Abie Weisfeld objected that this document had not been

introduced before and he did not know what it said].

(Homily) - There was a discussion on gay rights in July. This document was not pointed out as an SL document then.

(Gord Doctorow) Homily is talking about a different document.

(Ellie Kizner) Jim Mitchell's letter was unanimously rejected without dispute. We based our approach on civil rights.

PRESS REPORT - (Wayne Roberts) - The striking events of 1976 were the October 14 day of protest and the Quebec election. The failure of the "New Democrat" to support the day of protest was a knife in the back for labour. Other topics were Ed Ziemba and the medical profession, the rise of Eurocommunism, and the increasing amount of samizdat literature.

But in 1977 the outstanding issue was unemployment, and the NDP suffered setbacks in Ontario and Manitoba. The NDP leaders haven't changed very much. The policy on Quebec is pretty awful, and on the RCMP investigation they are ineffective. But the capitalist crisis is continuing and deepening. The state apparatus is more exposed to public view. Demoralization, fatigue and pragmatism have affected the SL and Fourward. We have only 300 subscriptions. We have been oriented largely to the revolutionary left, but we are adjusting the paper more to the mainstream. It remains a revolutionary socialist paper, oriented to the NDP and the left nationalists. We have the respect of Cy Gonick, the Saskatchewan Waffle, and other groups. We must maintain this balance. There has been a dulling of the revolutionary edge of events. Alderman Dan Heap, for

instance, wants the NDP to return to its socialist tradition, but raises no question of leadership. Even the left wingers of the NDP are progressists and consider Forward as an outside paper. Last year we were only able to get out seven issues. We will try to produce nine issues this year, it requires one to two weeks of preparation.

The letter of Murray Dowson should have been discussed by the branch before it was published.

DISCUSSION - (Harry Payne) - Our ideas are the best available in Canada. The Constituent Assembly is not a dead issue. We are the first people to put this concept forward. We have a real analysis and draw our ideology from the working class. We need our paper to spread our ideas. Some of the other left papers are idiotic. Many persons are prejudiced against these papers and their adherents. Many basic questions are now being asked among the members of the NDP. The "New Democrat" does not explain very much. "Forward" cannot orient exclusively to the NDP but it must explain things to the people who are asking questions.

(Gordon Doctorow) - we must find forces both within and outside the NDP. Forward is a bolshevik paper, reflecting the needs of all the oppressed. The paper unites theory with practical work, and is a guide to action to our periphery. Our paper is being used by others, and is being quoted, or sometimes plagiarized. We have to be careful on how we get the paper, or its contents, into the NDP clubs.

(Dale Ritch) - the discussion hasn't come to grips with the problems. Not many persons are reading the paper. We are not building a base, nor educating a cadre. We

should have an opportunity to do so before the Convention. We can open the paper up to some leftish NDP members, we can ask Jim Turk for an article, for example. We must be more open. A growing layer is disenchanted with the NDP leaders. The leading militants should write articles on activities in their ridings.

(Hornby) - Wayne and God have stressed orientation to two groups, the NDP membership and the left nationalists. Quebec is the key issue today. If you express yourself in favour of separation you mark yourself as a radical. A lot of people just don't read things. I don't know about being more open. If the NDP brass moves against us, can we avoid expulsion? We may need a few persons to be clandestine.

(John Glenn) - The situations vary. The expulsions of 1963 did not hurt us, we were able to gather more members.

(Harry Kopyto) - We are not missing big opportunities in the NDP at this time! One man red-baited me, but pieces from Forward were reprinted in the riding newsletter nonetheless. The paper cannot be broadened out into a forum for groups larger than ourselves, or we will lose control over policy and content.

(Ross Dowson) - The paper is in general correctly oriented, correctly clued in politically. Harry Payne pointed out the need for more educational articles. Indeed the educational articles have deteriorated somewhat. Some comrades have failed to meet deadlines, and this creates a chain reaction of delays. We have to pull ourselves up on this. But the content of the paper is OK. Now the NDP's "Newsletter" has been allowed to disappear. We must try to get our views into the Metro council of NDP.

SUMMARY (Wayne Roberts) - We have made a good general assessment of the paper. The members of the Editorial

board have pretty well dropped the use of pseudonyms. The SL membership has been reduced, funds are low and the paper is now our main weapon. We are close to the edge of the abyss. Our tradition is imperilled, and we cannot rely on people to do their assignments. In the past Stu Sinclair, Murray Dowson, Charlie Lee have provided ideas, but now they have dropped out. We are the only similar Marxist current of thought that has a paper to express its views. Tactical matters must be left to the editorial board.

~~MOTION ADOPT~~ REPORT ADOPTED (with two abstentions).

Break for dues & pledges, 10 minutes.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT - (Ellie Keizner) - We are suffering. The channels of decision making are becoming clogged. It is a time of trouble for us. The Organizational Committee intends to maintain the norms and structures of the organization. We do not approximate to the Leninist mass party. Our situation is critical. We must have a common purpose. Forward will become a shell unless the organization itself has life. There must be a reaffirming of our political traditions. Branch meeting attendance has been poor. It is a basic and minimal requirement. It is the decision making process of the organization. The branch meetings must reflect the membership. There has been a charged atmosphere, with criticisms of a personal character. Our people are losing their ability to communicate politically, and this leads to a loss of concensus. We propose branch meetings every other week, with educational work on the alternate weeks. Some comrades question the relevance of

Trotskyism to our present problems. We are the world alternative to the Stalinists and the Reformists. The other Trotskyist groups are a liability to us. We should publicly de-emphasize our organizational face, and call ourselves "Forward Readers Club". We have an open face to the public in the bookstore and in "Forward."

Thus we (1) reaffirm the norms of membership, attendance at branch meetings and payment of dues and pledges; (2) branch meetings are to be held every second week instead of every week; (3) we propose to change the name of the organization.

DISCUSSION - (Abie Weisfeld) - Reference to me in report is unjustified, I gave five months notice before leaving as organizer.

(Ian Kellogg) - The Socialist League hasn't gone all that well. How is the revolutionary party going to be built? We need to know our final goal better. Dale has brought up some major points. Orthodoxy is not working. I don't know if I'm a Marxist or not.

(Gordon Doctorow) - We have a problem in educating the class and ourselves. Ian has expressed himself honestly. Our movement is not humming. What are the alternatives to it? The alternatives have been tried, and the political tasks are outlined. In North America, Cannon and Spector adapted the Bolshevik tradition to the new conditions here. We must reshape ourselves to meet our problem. We are out to change the world. We must use our collective abilities to help each other and to help our movement, it must be a mutual development.

(Harry Kopyto) - Our task is difficult. We have fluctuated in numbers and declined at times due to objective conditions. Today the workers are still de-politicized, and that is the main cause of our troubles, and not our program. Lenin's party was at a very low ebb in July 1917. We are

based on the level of consciousness of the proletariat, it determines the welfare of our organization. We must cling to our developed politics.

(Dale Ritch) - Work together, stick together. The next period will solve some of our problems. The Organizational Report is somewhat schizophrenic. We are dissolving the public face, the S.L., and yet hardening the organizational norms. We need some of those who have left the movement to come back into it. The SL when launched had no working class base. We must be active in the working class.

(Paul Kellogg) - The weekly meetings have become hopeless. There is poor attendance. I think we have political problems, and organizational fiddling won't help much.

(Wayne Roberts) - The objective situation is bad, but the subjective situation is bad also. We have lost several comrades. We will continue to bleed if minimum norms are not set. The group around Panich has posed the problems, but only we have any answers. We have been able to obtain a mailing list of 6,000 names from Hogtown Press.

(John Glenn) - We have declined even though the outside economic situation has worsened. We are in a doldrum and must get our act together.

(Ross Dowson) - The International Socialists are not doing any better. They have suffered desertions of key people, and my nephew Ron Rosenthal, who is an I.S. member, could not give any explanation for them. They are not politically articulate. The Revolutionary Workers League was formed as a result of demoralization of its component organizations. As for the matter of Gay Liberation, it has

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been dealt with before. There is no merit in unorthodoxy. Years ago the Burnham-Trotsky debate showed this. You are not fading into the [redacted] organization. The comrades must make up their minds to do what is needed.

(Harry Payne) - it isn't a political problem. The LSA had no real political discussions, the policy line came from New York and was adopted on the third floor of the headquarters by the executive. The SL has raised the level of Trotskyism. The class is somewhat inactive - I can't go anywhere else for advice. It is the only place where I have respect for the opinions of the people. However branch meetings are frequently not very edifying.

(Hornby) - There is a poor atmosphere within the branch. Some people are distorting the concepts of Marxism. What can we accomplish? By our experience and political education we are resources of the working class. But the class exists independently of us, we can only contribute. We must orient ourselves to what we can hope to accomplish now. We must show some respect for other comrade's opinions, and this is important if we are to survive as an organization.

(wrangle over procedure followed).

(Alice Klein) - Any time is a good time to reassess things. This is my tenth year as a Trotskyist. The early YS meetings would have 60 or so present. Now the branch meetings are down to 5 or so. Then we worked mostly on issues outside of Canada, and few really understood the Canadian situation. People must hang together to make advance possible, it is worth it. We must find energy and organizational means, and we must be able to answer basic questions raised by others.

(Harry Kopyto) - Any question can be raised within the organization. People must respect the movement, and it can't be built or even continue to exist without norms. Respect the organization itself. We are not moving toward liquidationism. The organizational report is consistent and not schizophrenic.

(Dale Ritch) (raised a series of questions).

SUMMARY - (Ellie Kizner) - We have Canadianized Trotskyism. The norms of the organization are not very stiff. There are nationalists who do not understand the NDP, there are NDP'ers who are not socialists, nobody has the totality of what we have learned. A core of us will try to hold on to it. The Revolutionary Workers League was a fusion of groups to get out of a political low. It was the only way they could grow. They are not building a working class base. They have partly solved the psychological problem of their isolation by drawing together.

(Dale Ritch) - there are three points in the organization's norms. Attendance at meetings. Maintenance of dues and pledges. Participation in working class work or support for those that are engaged in it.

(Harry Payne) - The report should have added something about fraction work, which is necessary.

(Report adopted).

PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME - (Hominy) spoke against it. The name Socialist League is not dysfunctional. We are known and have some influence under that name. A name change will not help.

(Ross Dowson) - The name change is desireable for reasons explained in the report, but it won't work miracles.

(Harry Kopyto) The name change is proposed as tactical. It presents us in a softer way.

(John Glenn) (also spoke in favour of it).

VOTE ON NAME CHANGE.

Carried. I was the only one that voted against.

FINANCIAL REPORT-( ) - Postdated cheques have been a great help to collecting pledges. About 22 people, comrades and others, give us money. About #450 a month is coming in. Expenses for rent and salary are #525 a month. We are in a deficit situation, although it is not too serious as yet. The paper is tentatively solvent. Some comrades could not pay their pledges, others have left the movement.

FINANCIAL REPORT CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE REPORT (Harry Kopyto) - The role of leaders to members of the organization is the same as the role of the party to members of the working class. This year the executive has failed. We have now no organizer. We must solve problems at the level of the leadership. Executive problems were not brought before the branch for discussion and resolution. In February Harry K. became interim organizer. The executive has no full time organizer.

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE - Ellie Kuzner, Gord Doctorow are to act jointly as organizer for the present.

Also Wayne Roberts, Ross Dowson, Harry Kopyto, Calvin Johannsen.

DISCUSSION - (Alice Klein) - The executive was not all that bad. It was composed of rather tempered revolutionaries.

(wrangle)

MOTION by Alice Klein that executive be reduced to five and Ross's name be dropped.

(Harry Payne) - amendments to the executive motion are in order.

(John Darling) - it is in order to bring a motion for a smaller executive but out of order to suggest removing a particular person's name from the list.

(Ross Dowson) - If you want an executive of five, select five from among those nominated.

(Abie Weisfeld) - The executive has proposed a structured, coherent slate.

(Dale Ritch) - Let us deal with the size of the executive first, then ballot to fill the slate if only five are wanted.

[PROPOSAL FOR SIX MEMBER EXECUTIVE WAS CARRIED]

(Syd Doctorow) - the last executive was rather a disaster. A lot of work was done to compose this slate.

(Mike) - Ross's membership on the executive was questioned.

(Dale Ritch) - Ultimately we have to build a new leadership outside of Ross. We have tacitly decided that this cannot be done at the moment.

(Ellie Kingsley) - Dale is correct. We don't really know if Calvin will stand. Wayne as editor has limited time outside of "Forward", which brings our numbers down.

(Harry Kopyto) - the membership is more heterogeneous than the executive. The executive is Marxist, Trotskyist, and must "Trotskyise" the membership. Ross is at the headquarters all the time, by default of others, and is a natural person for the executive. Ross is necessary.

(Hamily) - Calvin is not here, it is not certain that he will stand, so I nominate myself in place of Calvin. I agree that Ross is most experienced and should be on the executive.

(Ross Dowson) - I withdrew from the leadership of the LSA, and the replacement leaders gradually went haywire. Now I accept the criticism of Alice. The store would have gone down the drain if I had not left my job and come back to take it over. I did not wish to be on the executive.

(Dale Ritch) - I do not oppose Ross being on the executive.

(Wayne Roberts) - I have been able to utilize Ross as an excellent resource person in my job as editor.

(Harry Kopyto) - We were unable to reach Calvin before the conference. He was expected to stand.

(wrangle)

(Art Gray) - The executive is able to co-opt additional members. Homily can be accepted now and if Calvin is willing to stand the executive can add his name.

[MOTION FOR A SEVEN MEMBER EXECUTIVE WAS PASSED].

Next branch meeting will be next Sunday.

Adjournment.

(Notes by Art Grey)

Minutes of Executive Meeting: Dec. 11, 1977 -- 11:00 a.m.

1. Chairperson: Ellie. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: present -- Ross, Gord, Harry K., Ellie
-a.w.r. -- Homily, Wayne; absent- Calvin.

3. Evaluation of Branch Conference:
-discussion -- generally positive
-next branch meeting is to be called for Sun. Dec. 18 -- all comrades to be called

4. Membership:
-m/c that the following comrades be talked to regarding their commitment: Chris Judge, Paul Kellogg, Randy Notte, Bill Martin

5. Documents:
-m/c that Harry K. prepare draft document on issues of Gay is Good, Gay Vanguard, and lifestyle politics in reply to Notte document
-NDP document -- m/c to file Gord's NDP document with branch conference minutes
-Political Resolution -- m/c to recommend that this be handled by a series of classes

6. Division of Labor on Executive:
-m/c that Gord remain Financial Secretary to work with another comrade on the books
-m/c to approach Dave P. to work on the treasurer's books
-Forward Circulation -- m/c that Ellie take this on and work with Ian on administration, i.e., mailings and maintaining addresses
-m/c to recommend that Abie and Homily co-ordinate educational activity and socials
NDP coordinator: m/c to propose Harry P.
-m/c to approach Mike to branch secretary

7. HQ Arrangements:
-m/c to propose to divide HQ hall with John D. and split rent accordingly

8. NDP Report:
-m/c that Gord and Harry P. meet with Graham Watson to discuss probing for a left caucus

9. Name of the Organization:
-two proposals from executive: Forward Educational Group or Forward Readers -- m/c

10. Educationals:
-m/c to hold a series of classes on our political perspectives and traditions, the first series on the world situation, the second on Canada
-m/c that first series be: Imperialism and Detente on Jan. 13 by Wayne, Workers' States on Jan. 27 by Gord, and Colonial Revolution on Feb. 10 by Harry K.

-m/c that next internal be on SWP pamphlet on courtroom defence in "Socialism on Trial"
-m/c that Ross give internal

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11. Law Suit on Attack by RCMP vs. LSA and Waffle:
-m/c that Ross launch a suit, as former executive secretary, against Attorney-General McMurtry's allegations of subversion based on RCMP files, with Harry K. acting as lawyer

12. Finances:
-m/c that Gord and Ross be co-signers for bank accounts

13. Adjournment at about 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING - MONDAY, DEC. 19/77 at 8:15 PM

CHAIRPERSON: Abie W.
TEMPORARY SECRETARY: John D.
AGENDA: Adopted as proposed by Gord D.
ATTENDANCE: Absent without reason: Calvin J.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ellie K. reported that Ian K. has resigned from the movement. Discussion. M/C to accept resignation.
EXECUTIVE REPORT: Gord reported.
1)Regarding discussion on Gay Movement, despite Randy's withrawal of his document from Branch conference, Harry K. is to prepare document replying to Randy as decided to be submitted to the Branch for discussion and vote. M/C to adopt.
2) NDP document by Gord and Harry P. to be filed with Branch Conference minutes. M/C to adopt.
3) Exec. rec. regarding division of labor assignments: for Secretary of Branch, Mike H. (elected); for Treasurer, Gord D. (elected). Question of Forward circulation manager referred back to executive.
4) Headquarters arrangements: As pledges cannot meet cost of hall rent, and as it is not being utilized sufficiently, half or more of the hall will be sub-letted to Action Print, with the intent that the lease will be extended. Adopted.
4) New Name of organization. Notice of Motion given on two names: a)Forward Educational Group, b) Forward Readers. Discussion. M/C to table to next meeting.
EDUCATIONAL REPORT: Gord reported.
Exec. Rec. for external class series in two parts: Part I - Our General Political pPerspectives as Trotskyists, Part II - The Canadian Class Struggle.
Three classes proposed for Part I: a)Imperialism and Detente, b)The Workers States, c) the Colonial Revolution. M/C to adopt.
M/C to adopt Friday nights for series. Dates adopted: Jan 13, Jan. 27 and Feb. 10. Speakers: a)Wayne elected, b) Gord D. elected, c) Harry K. elected.
During discussion on topics the Chair was challenged on whether ruling that referral motion would end debate, and Chair overruled. Abie vacated Chair and excused himself from meeting at that point.
Ross D. elected chairperson.
Proposal by Paul K. [illegible] discussion on International Socialists referred to Exec.
BREAK FOR DUES & PLEDGES
EDUCATIONAL: Ross D. on our suit of slander against the RCMP - background, developments, and tactics. Discussion. M/C to adopt line of report.
NDP REPORT: Because of lateness of hour, M/C that report be held over and that NDP comrades attend next meeting of Exec. for special discussion.
SOCIAL: Gord rpported on Boxing Day Sleigh ride to be held at Wilket Creek Park. Gord also announced a house party at his place this Friday night at 8:30
ADJOURNMENT: at 11:05 PM

M/C Jan. 8

Minutes of Executive Meeting: jan. 7, 1978: 10:45 a.m.

1. Chairperson: Ellie. Secretary: Gord

2. Attendance: -present--Gord, Ross, Harry K., Wayne, Ellie, Dale (for NDP discussion)
   -a.w.r.--Calvin, Homily

3. Discussion of Lease for HQ:
   -report by Ross on landlord's high rent increase
   -m/c to stall on reply to investigate other locations in order

4. Personnel and Organization:
   -m/c that exec. meetings be organized for week nights rather than weekends

5. NDP Discussion:
   -m/c to approach comrades inactive in NDP to get them activated (John D., Alice, Mike, Homily, Abie)
   -m/c to structure an NDP committee: Harry P., Dale, and Gord
   -m/c to support Left Caucus when pushed by others
   -m/c to advocate passive neutrality on leadership; comrades to spoil ballot for NDP provincial leader
   -discussion of Metro Toronto Area Countil (NDP) -- we should promote riding delegate attendance and resolutions in our ridings

6. Items to be referred:
   -correspondence
   -Forward administration
   -law suit

7. Adjournment at 1:25 p.m.

Minutes Executive Mtg/ 1-17-78

m/c Next Sunday (1-22-78) night's branch meeting will be a broader Ndp Caucus fraction meeting. It is projected to be held at Harry Paine's house on that evening at 8:00. Sympathizers to be invited will include John Glenn, (member at large), Art Gray (member at large), Vern Olsen, Lois Bedard, Vic and Ron Hugh, Fred Callaghan, Bill Dyer (lawyer in Galt who loaned us money on bookstore), Jerry and Bill, Reggie ~~Modalak,~~ Modlich, Andy Effrut, Graham Watson, Al Redekcke. We should also speak with Dale and Harry P. about other possible people to invite.

m/c We should go to the Turk caucus meeting but maintain a low profile there.

m/c To ask Calvin to take over sub work administration.

m/c We will make agesture to try to convince the RWL not to go through with walking out of Mac Donald Commission hearings.

m/c If we decide to remain here at 53 Gerrard St. W. that we should put the phone back into the office.

Adjournment 10:30p.m.

Toronto branch meeting February 6, 1978

Motio n - to adopt standard agenda with adapatations

John Darling in chair
substitute secreaty Ross Dowson

Attendance-- present--GordD, Alice K, Eddie K, John D, Ross D
Harry K--from out of town Art Gray. [redacted] Hon. Ly H.
Absent with reason--Dale R, Rozy D, Wayne R, [redacted], Mike H
Minutes--not available

Membership-- Dowson report on phone call from Paul K to the effect that he was resigning from organization. He appears to have developed differences that are taking him in the direction of the IS
Motion to accept his resignation--passed unan.

-motion that we inform Randy that we are moving towar ds supending him from membership in the organization- for non-attendance. passed--unan

-Motion that both Harry P and Bill Martin be formally approached witha view to coming to some kind of understanding with regards to their financial obligations to the movement. passed, unan.
Motion that we consider Andy Effert as a live contact -passed
Educational. Motion that we accept Harry K's offer to give his class this coming Friday in view of Gordon's difficulties --passed unan
Suit against RCMP---report by Harry K. The Queen has filed her statement of defence so the case in now moving firmly forward. Harry commented on aspects of the technical aspect of the defence.
Motion that the exeutive meet as soon as possible to discuss our launching our case. and rallying support.--passed unan.
Good and Welfare---report on Penner meeting on his book and the central aspect he gave in his sppech to our review of the book in the current issue

Motion that the executive bring back a report to the next meeting on the change in name of the organization--passed unan. Art asked that his opposition to change in name be recorded.
Educational---Discussion on the NDP convention--among notable commemnts were the effective interventions of Harry on the RCMP and Dale on Quebec. 800 to 900 copies of the paper were distributed . About 30 copies of Quebec and the Canada Crisis sold. We were man-euvered out of a bookstore display. General appreciation that t hat the convention revealed the low level of the membership which was well represented at the convention--and a move to the left in th e face of developing unemployment and the obvious merit of nationa l-ization as in the case of Inco. There appears that there is every possiblity of the left caucus that met three times during the con-vention taking on a continuing character.

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Adjournment.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- Feb. 12, 1978: 8:45p.m.

1. Chairperson: Homily Secretary: Gord

2. Attendance: -a.w.r.--Ellie, Wayne, and Calvin
   -m/c to seat Abie for discussion on ANZJ

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Jan. 17, 1978

4. Allinace of Non-Zionist Jews:
   -Abie read letter from Iraqi Jewish Community inviting the ANZJ to tour the Iraqi Jewish community
   -Abie proposed that ANZJ take up invitation and follow up tour with visit to Palestinian community in Israel to be able to present a comparison of the status of Jews in Iraq with Palestinians in Israel
   -m/c to support this inititative and move to broaden out the delegation

5. S.L. Name:
   -proposals to be discussed at next meeting: Forward Readers, Forward Supporters, Forward Group, Forward Forum, Forward
   -m/c to refer balance of discussion to next executive meeting

6. RCMP Law Suit:
   -projected time of hearings --- September
   -we do not see possibility of united front with revolutionary groups, but rather intend to move among left-liberals and civil-libertarians
   -discussion of priority people to be visited

7. NDP and Anti-Trotskyism:
   -exec. to meet with Dale re his resignation from Metro Toronto Area Council of the NDP secretary-ship under Turk's pressure and scandal-mongering on witch-hunts with V. Olson without authorization of S.L.
   -our attitude to witch-hunting is skepticism and opposition to scandal-mongering

8. Membership:
   -comrades to be approached re membership: Bill, Randy, Chris, Harry P., Calvin.

9. Adjournment at 10:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING - FEB. 20/78 at 8:15 PM

Chair: Harry K.
Temp. Secretary: John D.
Agenda: M/C to adopt standard agenda.
Attendance: ~~Rxxxxxxx~~ AWR: Calvin, Alice, Mike, Wayne & Willie.
Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting adopted as corrected.
Business arising from Minutes: M/C to refer to executive an evaluation of experience with comrades recruited from York campus in the light of resignation last week of Paul K.
NDP: Discussion on question of Dale's consideration of resignation from post on Metro Council. M/C that we not conduct ourselves in NDP on the basis of a list of people said to face expulsion, that we firmly resist red-baiting attacks.
--Discussion on Vern Olson's candidacy for federal NDP nomination in Highw Park and opposition lto him from part of riding executive. M/C that our comrades in this riding get behind his campaign for nomination.
--Abie reported his and Homily's attendance at an NDP Davenport riding meeting.
Educational: M/C that tonight's internal be a further report and discussion pn the RCMP suit. ~~outside~~
Evaluation of 2nd/educationnal by Harry K on the Colonial Revolution held at Homily's1 Poor attendance.
M/C that we proceed tiwh the third class by Gord, previously postponed, and that it be held at the headquarters.

Break for Dues and Pledges
Educational: Report on launching the support campaign for a the RCMP slander suit, given by Ross and Harry K.

Forward Report: a special mailing will be done of ~~xhex~~ mailing ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ lists for publicizing the RCMP case.

New Business: Ross reported on his visit with Vern Olson and his closeness to our movement. M/C to move in direction of recruiting him.
Abie reported on invitation from Jewish community in Iraq to visit Iraq and Palestinian communities and publdcity campaign.
Gord reported on exec. recc to give notice of discussion for new name for organization at next meeting. Proposed names: Forward Readers, Forward Supporters, "Forward", Forward Forum.
Abie reported on Student Action Slate for upcoming CYSF elections at York which is receiving rising support around cutbacks struggle. NDP club fielding 4 canadidates in slate.
Calendar read and meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM

Mar 3/78

Minutes

. Hon
. Dan

Secretary — Dale

Attendance: Present: Ross, Dale, Gord, John D., Hardy, Wayne, Ellie
Ank: Abie, Rosie

Minutes: MIC to adopt minutes from Feb. 20/78

NDP Report: ① - John reported on the nomination meeting in High Park-Swansea
- Vern O eliminated on first ballot
- Doug Little won with the support of the Ziemba's

② Dale reported on the upcoming Metro NDP Convention
- good opportunity for a serious, partial NDP slate in next year's municipal elections
- Liberal + Labor Council forces seem to be retreating on the question of an NDP slate
- Our position should be to run as many NDP labor candidates as possible including a mayoralty candidate
- We should ignore the question of co-operation

- won't run against retiring incumbents but will run everywhere else

- with the M.M.R.

(3) Ellie reported on the Spading Federal nominating meeting on March 15/78 to elect Dan Kapp.

(4) Ross reported on the upcoming Rosedale Federal Campaign

Report on ~~Fun~~ Case

(1) Have signed Penner, Ruby, Alice Heap and Jay MacPherson

(2) Vern Olsen is interested in coming on to take over the organization of the campaign

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Educational Report - moved to carry a series of classes. ~~Discussion~~ Q what it was referred to executive

New Business

- (1) Keep Randy from membership ~~etc~~ for not fulfilling membership duties.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- March 16, 1978

1. Chairperson: Ellie. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: present--Gord, Ellie, Ross, Harry K. Absent with reason: Wayne (until 9:30 p.m.), Homily (until 9:30 p.m.)

3. Membership and Contacts:
   -m/c to accept Randy N.'s resignation and report to branch
   -m/c to accept leave of absence for Roxi and Gord from March 17th to March 27th
   -report on Calvin: m/c to move towards getting Calvin to become part of branch, or, failing that, to drop him from membership
   -m/c that Calvin be dropped from executive

4. Iraqi Tour:
   -report from Harry K. on Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews tour project to Iraq
   -Harry K. to arrange a letter be sent to Iraqi consul through Abie confirming the ANZJ's acceptance of the Iraqi Jewish community's tour invitation
   -m/c that our line be that fourth person on tour be a prominent individual or else decline the fourth person

5. Class Series:
   -m/c to postpone third class in series on the discussion of the revolutionary tasks from April 14 to April 21

6. NDP:
   -m/c to report OHIP forum and petition campaign to branch

7. Financial Drive:
   -m/c to set $5,000 FFD goal commencing March 18 and ending June 30
   -m/c that Gord be campaign director (commencing in May)
   -m/c that Ross handle interim coordination for FFD

8. RCMP:Defence Case:
   -report by Harry K. on financial support and sponsors' list
   -m/c to hold up campaign until we obtain NDP sponsorship
   -m/c to endorse appeal statement
   -m/c to launch a big campaign for sponsors and finances subsequent to NDP sponsors
   -three people to be approached for position of secretary of Socialist Rights Defence Committee: (1) Chris Judge, (2) Reggie Modlich, (3) Dave Middleton

9. New Name for Socialist League:
   -m/c to put forward the following names, in order: Forward Group and Forward Readers

   (to branch)

10. Adjournment at 11:00 p.m.

Meeting of March 19, 1978

election of secreary - Ross D
chari --Ellie K
minutes of previous meeting not typed up
attendance Ron, Dale, Ellie, John
membership and contacts--exeutive report on Randy Notte. Letter from Notte read. Executive motion that Notte be dropped from membership. passed unan.

Executive report--Motion that we launch the Forward financial drive on March 15 and that it extend to June 30. that we set as our objective the sum of $5,000. and that Gord D be camapign director. Campaign to be launched in next issue of Forward. passed unan
Report on RCMP case; Steady progress in obtaining names of well-known civil libertarians. Campaign's first phase just about completed. Vern Olson in particular has expressed enthusiasm and was prepared to move out taking a plublic role. Unfortunately he had a relapse due to the interest and anxiety created by preliminary involvement and has been forced to pull back or gravely endager his health. We are now discussing with Chris as to her possiblity of allocating some serious time on the project and it would appear that will agree to do so. We will be getting a postal box, prepared the next list and communication and within a week or so enter the second phase.
Educational Report--- the class will be commencing Friday March 31 with Ross D presenting it. A notice will go out to a somewhat revised mailing. The speakers for the next twowill have to be decided by the next executive meeting or city meeting. The first class was shifted so that it would not hit Good Friday weekend

Motion that the organizational name propositions from exectuive be postponed for lack of attendance
Motion that educational also be postponed.

Meeting adjourned

Adopted as read
April 2/78

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING - APRIL 2/~~XX~~78 at 8:15 PM

Chairperson: Gord D.
Secretary (temp) John D.
Agenda: Adopted as proposed
Attendance: Excused: Rozi, Wayne, Chris, Homily late.
AWR: Calvin, Alice, Mike, Bill, Harry P., Dave.
Minutes: of March 19 adopted as read.
of March 5 not avaiable M/C to defer to next week.
Campus Report: Abie reported on York campus elections. Pinder disqualified on technicality by outgoing administration but surrogate candidate Mary Marone lost by only 35 votes. Attempt to start recall petition challenging vote started but dropped because of lack of interest by Student Action group. Election to Board of Governors cancelled as well, Abie to protest council's procedure.
M/C to adopt as information.
Dale ~~Abie~~ reported on the debate over tactics set off by Excalibur editorial attacking idea of delegated Cutbacks body M/C to adopt

Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews
Abie reported that delegation of 4 including himself and Harry K leaving ~~xx~~ for Iraq April 22 to investigate condition of Jews there and to visit Israel and Leblanon on their own as well. M/C to adopt report.

~~XXXXXX~~ RCMP Slander Suit: administrative
Harry K reported on case. Chris is new secretary. New supporters include Harney, Ruby Gonic and a wide representation among the left.
Meeting today took the following decisions:
1) that the Socialist Rights Defence Fund be set up to replace the present committee
2) that Harry P. become Honorary Treasurer, as a member of St. David's NDP club, of which he is president.
3)that fund will broaden out to seek international supporters, and will ~~xxxxx~~ contact the SWP in regard to their experience in suit action against the FBI.
4) Ross has filed for files held by the government under Act now granting citizens to know what is in them but response so far is that no files exist -- other agencies are yet to answer.
6) New letterhead to be printed and a new appeal will be addressed to a large number of potential supporters asking for support and funds
7) a more personal appraoch will be taken toward certain better known Canadians for support
8) Joe Rosenblatt has responded enthusiastically and may lead us into support of art circles. M/C to adopt report.

Forward: John D reported on production of next issue, slated to go to press Wed. AM M/C to adopt as information.

NDP: Ross reported on St. David's riding.
Dale reported on meeting with Simon R., and discussion around his proposal to establish a magazine directed toward activists in the NDP. Discussion. ~~xxx~~ M/C to refer item to executive.

Break for Dues and Pledges

New Name for S.L.
Gord reported that the Executive proposed two new names for the S.~~XX~~ L. as Forward Group and Forward Readers. Other names discussed were Forward, and Forward Forum. After elimination voting, Forward Group and Forward, were tied and issue not resolved. M/C to poll other comrades as to their preference on the question.

Educational Report: Report on small attendance at last Friday's first in series of classes given by Ross on Where the Left is at Today in Canada. (OVER)

Educationals (continued)

M/C that John D. give class #2 on our position toward the NDP AND the labor movement., two weeks from this Friday.
M/C that Rossrgive the final class on Possibilities of Regroupmentl, to be given in 4 weeks.
M/C to delay the educational scheduled for this meeting until next meeting April 16/78 (Homily on Eurocommunism)

Meeting adjourned at 11 PM

Adopted as corrected
April 16/78

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING ---April XX 16/78 at 8:30PM

Chair: Ellie K. Temporary Secty: John D.

Agenda: adopted as proposed.

Attendance: Alice K., Harry P and K, Gord D. excused.

Minutes of April 2 adopted as corrected.

RC MP Slander suit: Ross reported that Fund now mailing literature to 50 eminent Americans who supported SWP case. Chomsky first international supporter received.
--financial appeal to be made in press in xxxx near future.
--Ross reported meeting of Toronto Civl Liberties Union where SRDF press release distributed. Boroboy debated Police Commissibner Kelly who Ross questioned.
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--MacDonald Commission rep. interviewd Ross on LSA break-ins and theft of tour cohact lists. M/C to adopte report.

NDP:

Ross reported on NDP Ward 6 meeting (St. George riding) where NDP-Reform Caucus joint slate resolutions adopted against Metro Council position.
Riding holding educationals. Cassidy spoke to speak next week. Still no federal candidate, pressure on Ross to run and force brass's hand.
Ellie made brief report on MTAC debate today wth rerorm metro elements.
Ellie reported on Heap Campaign
Discussion on whether our members should seek Federal NDP nominations (re Harry K in his riding_. Decided this is a false issue as leadership will not permit our canididacies at this time neither do we have sufficient time to undertake such campaigns adequately, nor is there a left wing in NDP on which to base ourselves.

Break for Dues and Pledges

Educational: speaker not available. M/C to cancel topic (Homily on France) and assign new topic.

Alliance for Non Zionist Jews: Abie reported on projected tour to Iraq which has been postponed until June.

New Business: Ellie reported on difficulty of organizing W Forward disctributiosna and mailings. Discussior Perry Anderson meeting of Marxist Insititute distributed, Abie distributing bundle at York. Latest issue mailed to 250 Hogtown list. Plan to mail rest tomorrow, 300 or more.

Campus: Abie reported on petition of recall against newly elected President of York students council being carried. Council passed constiutional amendment however to block petition.
René Lévesque spoke at York and got a good reception.
Report on second of class series--small attendance and speaker John D not able to be prepared. Last class in series by Ross on April 28th.

Adjournment: at 10:30 PM

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING --May 7/78 at 8:30 PM

Chair: Harry K. Temporary Secretary: John D.

Agenda: adopted as proposed.

Minutes: of April 16 not typed. Postponed to next meeting.

Attendance: Excused: Ellie, Rozi, AWR: Chris J., Calvin J., Alice K., Mike H., Bill M., Harry P., Dave P., Dale R., Robert K.

Ross reported special notice had been sent out regarding this Sundays meeting.

Question of non attendance of Dave P., Harry P. and Chris J. raised.

Membership: M/C that organizer contact Mike H. and Alice K. regarding their obligations and intentions regarding membership status (Mike was elected Branch secretary)

Financial Drive: ~~M/C that organize~~ Gord D reported on pledges received. Letter to go out to contacts this week. Pledges make at meeting, totalling $1895 of $5000 sought by June 30. M/C to adopt.

Correspondance: Ross reported on letter received from Paul K. attacking Forward and dissociating himself from paper as former contributor. Discussion on letter. M/C to file.

Social: Harry K. proposed Bar-B-Q for fund drive at his place. M/C to hold it on June 17th, Sat.nite. Ross proposed Victoria Day weekend at Poundmaker. M/C to organize family day for Sunday May 21, program and meals.

Educational: No educational set for this meeting.

Headquarters Report: Ross reported Exec. discusion re problems of present locale and ~~discussion~~ decision to vacate in view of landlord's raising rent. Discussion held with John D. re moving print business. Suitable location found at 121 Church St. south of Queen --offer made and accepted so now 3-year lease being signed., to move in June 1st.

Name of Organization: Decision to go ahead with choosing a new name. Names "Forward Group" and "Forward " carried over ffom previous discussion. M/C to re-discuss "Forward Readers" and "Forward Forum". Vote resulted in decision for "Forward Group".

Meeting Night: M/C that meetings be held on Friday nights during the summer as all week nights out for various comrades.

Report on Socialist Rights Defence Fund case: Ross reported that of 4 or 5 inquiries under new federal Information legislation, two still to be heard from in his case. All comrades urged to join the large number s making enquiries.

---mailings to international list of 60 persons, and to Hogtown mailing list and other labor lists will probably give results in a few days.

---Harry K. will press Law Union and Covil Liberties group for a response.

Also writing to Ligue des droits de l'Homme, translating letter into French.

Information now being gathered for nInvestigation hearing coming up.

New suupport won from NDP lawyer who has given support to idea of participating in advisory committee. (of lawyers).

--recent press release blanked out by bourgeois press and by left press as well.

~~M/C to adopt~~ M/C to adopt.

NDP; Wayne R. reported on meeting he spoke at on Quebec at Owen Sound, sympathetic response.

Ross reported Broadbents change of position on Quebec and national unity at CLC convention on side of self-determination.

--Gord reported on Scarboro-NDP teachers caucus developments.

Abie reported on Trinity workiers meeting of 75 persons, with 4 workshops in 3 languages.

Ross reported on Rosedale riding delaying federal candidates meeting in hopes to fnd "high profile" candidate. Ross supporting Ralph Cook as candidate there.

Campus: Abie reportd on first meeting of new Student council at York where left wing a minority,

May Day: distributions of Forward done at Labor council affair (also CARAL, Steelworkers weekend).

Forward: paper mailed to a list of Hogtown and US addresses with last two issues.

Adjuournment: at 10;%0 pm to go down to tour new headquarters at ~~[illegible]~~ 121 Church St.

Dues and Pledges: taken at adjournment.

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH June 9/78 at 8:30 PM

Chair: Gord D.
Temp Secretary: John D.
Attendance: Absent with reason: Rozi, Waye Dale.
Membership: Discussion on lack of attendance at meeting.
Gord reported on Chris' membership status. M/C that she be dropped to the status of sympathizer.
Gord reported on Mike H. Discusssion. M/C that he be dropped from membership.
Minutes: Minutes of May 19th not ready. M/C they be delayed.
New Headquarters: M/C to refer matter of rent division for new building to executive.
Forward Fund Drive: Fund drive letter ready to be mailed this weekend.
Social: Social scheduled for 17th June at Harry K's necessarily postponed one week.
M/C to propose to Harry that it be held June 24th. Discussion on idea for a skit on Court Case or a movie.
NDP: Ross reported on St. George riding, where Heap is moving toward building a Ward 6 municipal organization. Reported on federal nomination meeting for Rosedale candidate date set.
Ellie reportdon discussion with Simon R. re setback on idea to establish magazine. Attempts will be made to circulate two critiques of leadership's Industrial Strategy line by way of a mailing to Left Caucus list hopefully including covering letter urging riding to act. We are to aid in their circulation whereever possible.
Discussion on Ontario Report's support of NDP in a recent editorial.
Educational: Rosson Developments involving Canada in NATO and Disarmamemt conferences.

Adjournment: at 11:05 pm.

Minutes of Forward Group, June 25, 1978

Attendance- present- Gord D, Ross D ., Ellie K., John D.,Bob K.,
Harry K.,
absent with reason- Dale-holidays, Abie, ill, Wayne-work
Alice out of town

NDP work- Extensive reports. Harry K that his widing has turned around--will support ~~xhxonly~~ those candidates who run on label. Active membership work underway. Gord that ~~Metro Political Reform Committee~~ is now activley promoting the running of NDP labelled candidates for coming Toronto elections--many consider moving to showdown with Reform/Metro.Unionists have contacted him to run slate in the coming municipal elections--York ~~borough~~ has one lined up. Showdown struggle in St George area between constituency activits and community activists according to Ross. Heap has split with Sparrow . The party activists are by no means left compared to the community activits--- former tend to be parliamentarist while others contradictory. This dispute was reflected in the nominating convention for Rosedale. Ex Waffler Cooke polled almost no votes, administration candidate won nomination but half the vote went to comm nityactivist and their forces in NDP who fielded a left candidate. We are pressing for an educational struggle Discussion on significance of this turn to raise the label on civic politics in Toronto area.

Press Fund Drive-- special appeal finally got out. First reponses Vern O --$100, Harvey Pinder $20. Gord will be able to move out on this as soon as school term ends next week.

Coming issue of paper---limited amount of copy in last weekend--a slab came in this weekend. We hope to lay-in and go to press rightafter next weekend.

Social.- That we postpone a camp weekend over the coming holiday-as it will take key comrades out of working on the paper-and we hold one over another holiday weekend.--passed. Motion that we hold instead a picnic at Centre Island on Sunday starting at 11 a.m. at the end of the walk at the pier passed. Sunday July 2

Educational. By Ellie on the Second International and the New Democratic Party. Motion that we refer this matter to the editorial borad to pay more attention to this relationship which in a contradictory way is tending to legitimatize Marxism albiet a formal academic marxism

Motion to adjourn--passed

June 25/78

It was a big job--but we made it

As you can see--we are now firmly imp1anted at our new address at 121 Church Street, Toronto M5C 2G5, telephone number 366-2059

The store is in operation though without full display stands in place. Things look pretty good

The coming Forward Group meeting is at the above address on this Friday night June 9 at 8.p.m.

The educational is -Imperialist heat in Africa and Canada's stance

JUNE 22 or 1978

June 25/78

The upcoming meeting of the Forward Group will take place on Sunday evenieng- June 25, 1978, at 121 Church Street.

Ellie is giving an educational on the Second International (which will be holding its conference in Canada this year) and its influence on the NDP

We are planning to hold a weekend at the camp on July 1 and 2. We are planning to hold two classes--The Detent the Arms Drive and Canada by Gord, and The CLC and the Shorter Work-week by Ross

We will need transit and to prepare food for Saturday afternnon, Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday night

We will need to hear from you and your friends so that we can implement these plans

Minutes of the FORWARD GROUP July 9. 1978

Meeting called to order
Election of chairperson--Gordon election of secretary - Ross
attendance; absent with reason- ~~XXXXX~~ Wayne, Ellie, John Darling, Roz, Dale on vacation and Alice on leave of absence for two month visit to Europe
Minutes of previous meeting read- Motion to correct two errors- not Metro Political Action Committee but Metro Toronto Area Council -- not that York Borough ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ "already has one(a slate) lined up" but that York Borough is lining oneeupp Motion to adopt minutes as corrected passed unan.
NDP --- report by Gord on dispute in North York ridimg over supporting NDP label canddidates and on MTAC meetimg
--report by Abie on Parkdale
-report by Ross on dispute with community ~~oreintned~~ oriented elements over the setting up of a Ward 6 NDP. There will be a showdown meeting this coming week. The pro-NDP slate elements lead by Heap appear to be adaptimg to Ward 6CO presnetation of not just SParrow as one of two aldermen but also to their nomination of the trustee candidate. Ross proposed to speak in favor of the NDP running two trustees, and ~~xxx~~ while not supporting Sparrow not opposing him...agreed
Trade Union. Report on the significance of the Packinghouse workers strike and lockout. Report by Dave on situation in UAW and the various caucuses. Motion that the unionist comrades get together for an in depth discussion on the UAW not only in Oshawa but in Bill M's local and report back for disussion
Fund Drive ~~xxxxx~~ by Gord - while the drive got sidetracked by the moving and the paper it is now underway and we are getting a good response. There is more in than was reported in the press - as of n $2,867.00. Report adopted. Motion that we extend the drive to July 3 passed unan.
Social motion that we organize a camp weekend over the August holid weekend, the we plan meals and program for two days July 29-30 - pas unan.
Press- Decision to rally comrades to mail the paper this coming Tuesday
Motion to adjourn --passed unan

an error - the holiday has been declared as Aug 5 + 6

1978 - July 9/78

For this holiday weekend we have decided not to ~~xxxxx~~

arrange a gala Camp Poundmaker affair, primarily because it is a two to three day project and we need this weekend to tie up things for the paper. Instead we are organizing a modest picnic much closer to home on

SUNDAY July 2--bring sufficient food so that we can pool it. We expect that persons with kitchen facilities can bring sandwiches, and singles can bring fruit, a cake etc etc. It would be good if we had some beach balls, baseballs and bats etc.

We will be gathering at 11. a.m. at the endof the walk . the pier, on Centre Island

Minutes of Branch Meeting -- July 23, 1978: 8:45 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Rozi. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: -m/c to grant Alice a leave of absence until September
   -absent with reason -- Abie, Ellie , Wayne
   -present: Gord, Rozi, John D., Dale, Harry K., Homily, and Ross

3. Membership and Contacts:
   -discussion of Calvin's membership -- general feeling that we have nothing to gain by forcing him out of the movement at this time; we should take no action and leave the door open for him to get involved again
   -discussion of Costas Leizou -- Greek Cypriot contact, radical activist in the NDP and formerly a contact of the RWL
   -- Dale considers him to be recruitable
   -discussion of Joanne Cook -- considers herself to be a sympathizer of the Forward Group
   -- considered to be a viable contact

4. Minutes:
   -m/c to adopt minutes of July 9/78 as read

5. NDP:
   -Women's Committee -- report by Rozi on the planning meeting for the October NDP WOmen's conference and that Rozi is a member of the organizing committee along with Linda Blackwood and Jesse MCkenzie
   -- m/c to press for a delegated conference which will focus on policy discussions
   -report by Ross on Ward 6 NDP operation in Toronto -- successfully established and running one trustee and one alderman (community activist influence still strong)
   -report by Ross on Rosedale by-election committee and conflicts due to St. David Riding's non-participation (Harry P's riding)
   -report by Harry K. on Howard Moscoe campaign for alderman -- our line is to push for a ward organization of the NDP to nominate the candidate and for the organization to be the body to which the candidate is responsible -- also that the candidate be identified in the campaign literature as an NDP candidate
   -report by Gord on Oriole riding's municipal set-up
   -report by Dale on poor response to Trinity statement of criticism of Broadbent's industrial strategy, report that the New Democrat will be publishing Heap's critique, and report that Jim Turk has sent out a mailing of these two critiques to left caucus mailing list
   -report by Homily on Parkdale riding meeting in which di Santo defended Broadbent's position and in which Dukszta stated that the PQ was a viable force in Quebec politics and would likely win independence and that this prospect didn't bother him
   -m/c to accept reports as information

6. Forward Fund Drive:
   -m/c to organize a phoning to get money from contacts who haven't contributed yet.

7. Camp Poundmaker:
   -m/c to cancel Camp Poundmaker weekend in Qugust because of a lack of sufficient core of people to organize it for
   -m/c to hold a July 30 picnic at Hanlon's point and to reserve a

....July 23/78 minutes of branch continued

campfire -- meet ferry at 1:30 p.m.

8. Educational:
   -m/c to postpone educational
   -m/c to hold a discussion on trade union documents put out by the Panitch group and the BC group

9. New Business:
   -report on distribution of Cuban festival with new issue of Forward
   -m/c to hold next branch meeting on August 13
   -m/c to grant leave of absence to Rozi and Gord from August 5 to August 19

10. Adjournment at about 11:00 p.m.

Minutes of Executive Meeting -- July 28, 1978: 8:40 p.m.

1. Chairman: Homily. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: present -- Ross, Homily, Ellie, Harry K., Gord
   -absent with reason -- Wayne

3. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of June 18

4. Membership:
   -m/c to postpone acting on status of Harry P's, Calvin's, and Bill's memberships until the fall when new challenges can help determine their ongoing relationship to the Forward Group

5. NDP:
   -m/c that Ross Dowson present a written contribution to the NDP Ward 6 meeting making the fundamental class argument for running the NDP municipally
   -m/c to adopt Ross' draft with amendments as discussed
   -NDP Women's Committee -- our line is to mobilize women comrades and contacts for the planning meetings leading up to the fall NDP Women's Conference

6. Forward:
   -m/c to put out the next issue of Forward in mid-September
   -m/c to change prices as follows: 25¢ for a single issue, $2.50 for a year's subscription, and $1.00 for a 6-month introductory sub as before
   -report by Ross on the purchase of a new mailing system for $45 which was required because of mechanical and other problems with the old system -- m/c to approve the changeover to the new system

7. Socials:
   -m/c to hold a 2-day Camp Poundmaker weekend on the Labor Day weekend

8. Forward Fund Drive:
   -report by Gord that the FFD has only attained about $3,500 of its goal
   -m/c to put pressure on a selected list of contacts for big money to bring the drive through

9. RCMP Law Suit:
   -report by Harry K. that the date for examination for discoveries has been set for October and that this examination implicates the deputy minister of finance
   -report that Mary Boyce, Clay Ruby, Ken Danson, and Charles Roach have agreed to be legal advisors for the case
   -next stages: press release, fund-raising letter to professors, and a public ad to raise funds
   -m/c to endorse the projections and that fund-raising be done as quickly as possible

10. Adjournment at 11:30 p.m.

Minutes Aug 27 or 28th

Secretary: Harry K.

AGENDA M/C to adopt. Meeting commenced 9:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE ~~Abie SRD CD WR~~ Absent with Regrets RD CD WR

MEMBERSHIP Discussions about contacts, Harvey Pinder and Costas

MINUTES M/C to postpone adoption of last weeks' minutes

NDP Discussion of Heap letter to Ont. New Democrat. Report on response which we gave him; namely that his document was a matter of public record.

Discussion of Women's NDP committee and plans for full conference. Municipal Report by Dale on NDP nomination meetings and Harry Paine's possible condidacy.

Report on ~~High Park~~ Parkdale - Parkdale municipal nomination meeting by Abie. The meeting did not moninate but "endorsed" or "supported" candidates.

Report by Harry on Wilson Heights NDP coming nomination meeting.

Ward 4 North York. Motion carried to discuss whether should support Sewell at next membership meeting. Report on possibilities of developing left caucus. M/C to have discussion on this topic at next meeting. M/C to recommend cancellation of Sept.3 camp weekend.

NEW BUSINESS M/C to instruct Abie to canvas Arab contacts regarding ~~anti~~-Begin visit to Toronto in fall.

GOOD & WELFARE Thanks from Sabina for flowers on birth of Erica.

M/C to adjourn 10:20 p.m.

Minutes of Branch Meeting -- Sept..16, 1978:

1. Chairperson: John D. Secretary: Homily.

2. Minutes: m/c to defer reading of last set of minutes until nexx branch meeting

3. Attendance: a.w.r.--Harry K., Abie W., Alice K., Rozi D.
   -late--Wayne and Ellie

4. Membership:
   -m/c that Rozi D. be dropped to status of sympathizer
   -m/c that Dale R. be assigned to review Harry P.'s membership with him and report back to the branch
   -m/c that Ross D. be assigned to review Calvin J.'s membership relation and report back to the branch
   -m/c to not approach Bill M. formally at this time re his membership relation

5. NDP:
   -informational reports on several NDP Toronto wards, Howard Moscoe's municipal campaign in North York, Metro Toronto Area Council of the NDP, and several federal ridings
   -m/c to set up a meeting of NDP left-wingers close to the Forward Group to discuss building a left wing in the NDP -- for Oct. 1, 1978 at Harry K.'s house in a relaxed gathering
   -m/c that the agenda consist of the following projections if possible: NDP Women's Cttee. report by Linda Blackwood, a report on Sudbury by Simon Rosenblum, a general perspective report by Dale, and a Forward report by Wayne ---- additional invitations of contacts to be cleared through Gord, Ross, and Dale

6. Forward Fund Drive:
   -FFD succeeded in raising a little more than $4,000 -- $1,000 short of goal

   -campaign was considered to be reasonably successful in light of the fact that the overwhelming burden of the campaign was carried by one comrade
   -m/c to officially close the campaign

7. Forward:
   -informational report by Wayne

8. Educational Report:
   -m/c to defer a discussion of holding classes to the nexx branch meeting
   -m/c to postpone internal on industrial strategy to the next meeting, scheduled for Tues. Oct. 10, 1978

9. New Business:
   -report by Abie W. on activities of Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews
   -report by Abie on York U. campus -- m/c that Abie approach intended running mate for Board of Governors posts to determine if he is seriously interested in helping build the student movement
   -m/c that Abie's document on Canadian nationalism be circulated for discussion among comrades -- the document was tabled.

10. Adjournment.

Minutes of Branch Meeting -- Oct. 15, 1978: 8:45 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Gord. Secretary: Gord.

2. Minutes: -m/c to adopt minutes of Aug. 27 as read
-m/c to adopt minutes of Sept. 16 as information (not typed)

3. Attendance: a.w.r. -- Homily. Absent -- Bill M., Harry P., Alice K., Abie W..
-m/c to grant Homily leave of absence in Europe for 3 weeks (noted that because of infrequent branch meetings no report or discussion took place prior to the event)

4. Correspondence:
-letter from Verne Olson re NDP left groupment was read and discussed -- m/c to accept as correspondence

5. NDP Discussion:
-evaluation of NDP caucus meeting was made
-m/c to assign Wayne R. to meet, as editor of Forward, with London, Ont. left NDP group (Ruth Bleasdale et al.) and a similar group in Ottawa (Paul Callaghan et al.) to fill them in and propose they meet with the Communications Network in January to discuss our programmatic strategy
-m/c that the Jan. meeting of the Communications Network be on the question of program
-m/c that the next branch meeting discuss a programmatic strategy for a left in the NDP
-m/c that Wayne present this discussion in the form of an internal educational
-m/c to put pressure on Jim Turk to organize a left caucus at the NDP Provincial Council meeting in December and to take preliminary measures in the meantime
-m/c to meet with Vern re his document and give him our frank opinions to influence him, ie. that setting up a left caucus is premature, that putting out a left newsletter is premature, and that we intend to maintain Forward -- m/c that Gord and Wayne be assigned to see him
-m/c to give Simon addresses for sending out materials to left NDPers along with a covering letter explaining about the meeting of the Communications Network

6. FORWARD:
--report on Forward Fund Drive by Gord
-report on progress of paper by Wayne

7. New Business:
-m/c that Gord present financial report to next branch meeting
-m/c that next branch meeting be on Sun. Oct. 29 in the evening

8. Adjournment at 11:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF TOR. BR. FORWARD GROUP — Sunday, Nov. 12, 1978, starting at 8:30 PM

Chairperson: Wayne R. (Temp) Secretary: John D.
Agenda: adopted as proposed
Attendance: Absent with reason: Bill M. & Dave P. on shift; Alice, Abie, Homily.
Minutes of previous meeting: adopted as read. (Minutes of Oct. 15/78)
Membership & contacts: Gord D. reported he had not yet met with Vern O. Ross reported he has not been able to see Calvin J. as of yet.
Wayne reported on visit to London South at a meeting arranged by Ruth B. with himself and Dale and a group of 7 local acivists in NDP. Reported that some are more advanced than others but that they were a serious group. They follow Forward, and after an extensive discussion decided to meet in January again.
Ross reported that the Owen Sound group seem to show a lack of knowledge of transitional concepts in their publication. Wayne reported on Owen Sound newsletter.
Ross reported Provincial office letter to his riding challenging his NDP membership on basis of Socialist Rights Defence Fund appeal which was interpreted somehow as his being present leader of LSA. Matter straightened out with provincial office by executive of St. George club.

Edcuational: Wayne on the Need for a program for the left in the NDP and the need for specific demands Discussion on program and neeld to broaden it out to current issues in NDP and labor movement and presentation of concept of transitional program. Discussion on organizational form of those discussing left policies in NDP and possibility of linking up with Tomzak group around Heap.

Teachers: Gord reported he has been elected ~~Political~~ Political Action ~~director~~ officer at his school and has been involved in the teachers conflict with the Boards on the issue of tenure, taking the position that it is non-negotiable. Reported on developments leading toward creation of an organized opposition caucus around NDP activists.

New Years Social: Discussion . M/C to organize Sleigh Ride at 2 PM on New Years Day followed by a reception at Gord D.'s house to be organized by Friends of Forward.

New Business:
Wayne raised question of distribution of Forward at several NPD municipal campaign headquarters. Available: Ross, John, Wayne, Gord.

Next Meeting: M/C to hold next meeting next Sunday night 19th Nov.

Adjournment: at 10:45 Pm

Minutes of Branch Meeting Jan. 7, 1979
Chairperson: Ellie K.

Attendence: Harry K. absent with reason. Alice, Calvin, Bill absent.

Minutes: Aug. 27 read/adopted

Sept. 16 read/adopted
Oct. 15 read/adopted
Nov. 12 read/adopted

Membership/Contacts: Class series proposed by Ross moved/carried. Will be a series of 4 classes to be held every Friday for four weeks starting Jan. 26th at 47 Vermont. Jan 26th class on Sino-Soviet dispute given by Gord Doctorow. Feb. 2 on Eurocommunism given by Bob Kasher. Feb. 9 on Canada and its place in the World given by Wayne Roberts. Feb. 16 on the NDP and the Trade Union movement in Canada given by Ross Dowson. moved/carried

- report given on Xmas social.

NDP Report: Meeting proposed for left network contacts to discuss federal convention motion carried that we should contact key people in netw ork with a view towards having such a meeting before we decide to undertake one.

- motion: that Ellie should stand for election to Ward 6 executive moved/carried.

-motion: that members of movement should give support to Pantalone's campaign in Ward 4 by-election.

Educational Discussion: motion carried that we should scheduale an internal on the Canadian Dimension's discussion on Eurocommunism to be given by Homily at next Branch meeting.

Adopted by branch Jan. 21, 1979

Forward Group Branch Meeting of Feb. 11/79

Chairperson: Ellie K.; Secretary: Abie W.

Minutes: Jan 21/79 minutes adopted as read

Attendance: Ellie K., Wayne R., Ross D., Gord D., Harry K., Abie W.
absent with reason; John D.

Reports: Classes; Ross D. reporting,
- poor attendance is leading to a failure in class series.
- the competant presentations make the classes worthwhile.

Joseph Hansen Memorial Rally; Ross D. reporting
- the location and time of the meeting have been set breaking agreement of the organizers.
- Ross D. is to speak on behalf of the Forward Group.
- the new issue of Forward is to be distributed outside the rally.

m/c to postpone the next class one week in order to attend the memorial rally.

m/c to do a phoning for class (in conjunction with a mailing to announce deferral).

NDP; Ellie K. reporting on Ward 6 NDP
- the ward 6 NDP decided not to conduct joint campaign again with the ward 6 Community Organization (CO).
- a debate between Heap and Sparrow will take place.

Ross D. reporting on the Board of Education
- Bob Spencer is conducting a principled defence of himself and the left caucus over tenure issue.

Gord D. reporting on MTAC
- the convention is to take place April 7, at 9:00 am
- a conflict in decision-making is presented by the establishment of a parallel body in the NDP caucus.
- the discussion questioned the inevitability of conflicts arising.

m/c to raise question of accountability but not the matter of the existence of an NDP caucus.

Harry K. reporting on North York NDP
- 3 NDPers are on the NY Council.
- March 4 REform NY is having a convention.
- NY wards are getting organized.

RCMP case; Harry K. reporting
- Sexsmith, as the RCMP rep. is trying to block the case from going to criminal court on the basis of priviledge.
- during questioning of Sexsmith, the head of the Security Service, only 400 of 1500 questions were answered.
- the RCMP is attempting to refuse to answer the questions.

m/c to put out a press release.

Teachers; Gord D. reproting
- problem of mandated delegates has arisen which we oppose.

New Business:

- initial meeting for a Women's Political Party with Laura Sabia held with 100 women attending
- initial meeting of the Ontario Federation of Women to be held Feb. 25.
- women's unemployment meeting to be held Feb. 21

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Adjournment at 11:30

Minutes of Branch Meeting -- Feb. 25, 1979: 8:30 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Bob K. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Abie, Dale, Alice
   -absent--Dave P., Harry P., Calvin

3. Membership and Contacts:
   -discussion of classes--postponed discussion for concrete proposal at next meeting
   -report that Alice has stated that she will not Attend Sun. night meetings but intends to pay back her dues and pledges

4. NDP
   -report by Bob on Toronto NDP Ward 6 meeting -- decision by meeting to oppose future electoral collaboration with Reform Metro and other non-NDP groups
   -reports given on MTAC's position of solidarity with left Toronto School Board Trustees and support of Defence Fund for Bob Spencer and Bill Fisher who are being sued for conflict of interest
   -report by Harry K. and Gord on North York NDP municipal activity in opposition to ReforMetro
   -report by Bob on Ward 4 Pantalone by-election cttee (generally positive)
   -report on Spadina federal candidate's meeting by Wayne -- good response to Forward distribution

5. RCMP Law Suit
   -report by Harry K. and Ross
   -report of press release by Socialist Rights Defence Committee on the Krever Commission and progress of case
   -report on disucssions with RWL concernign information related to case

6. Teachers
   -report by Gord on Metro Teachers situation
   -report on Toronto NDP forum to be held concerning Toronto trustees organized by Coline Gardhouse for Mar. 6/79

7. New Business
   -report on Meridian Developer's Homewood apartment complex development and organized opposition led by Ross and Dave Middleton
   -m/c to postpone internal on Marxism and the Law to next meeting and to move Canadian nationalism internal one meeting forward
   -discussion of Simon Rosenblum's proposal to hold left caucus meeting before next NDP Provincial Council meeting -- referred to a discussion with Dale

8. Adjournment at 10:30 p.m.

FORWARD GROUP Minutes, March 11, 1979
Chairperson--John D, secretry- Ross D
Attendance---Ross D. Ellie K, John D, Gord D., Homilie, Abie and Harry
absent with reason--Alice
meeting convened about 8:15
Minutes read as information only--not typed up
Contacts--Ross report on St George NDP contact Dwight—
Ellie reported on Simon and contact from Sudbury.
NDP--Report by RD on recent St George meeting--Ross presented a resolution for MTAC convention on the TTC calling for removal of fares to be brought to the fore in NDP propaganda re TTC fare increases--passed--and another on public ownership of the land in the central Toronto area without which there can be no real town planning. He used the North Jarvis development struggle he Middleton and others are carrying as an example. This was referred without recommendation to MTAC. Both Zane and Ross were elected as delegates to MTAC. A Seminar is being planned for mid-April which should be useful.

Report by Ellie on discussion underway for building support for Spencer and other NDP B of E members being harassed for "conflict of interest."

Report by Gord on North York NDP discussion on its relations to Reform Metro efforts to build its operation. Our line of opposition and counter-posing the NDP to it had the support of labor rep Herskovitz. Preparations uderway to set up NDP Ward organizations.
Dovercourt---Motion to table discussion on the electoral maneuver in the recent Toronto municipal by-election until next meeting when Dale is in attendance. General agreement that in the widespread gossip ~~xxxx~~ we should take our distance from the maneuver.
Provincial Council meeting--uneventful. Dave P made a strong contribution in election discussion on the issue of Quebec. The planned Left Caucus meeting did not jell
Edcuation--- by Harry on Marxism and the Law--discussion
RCMP slander suit--report by Harry on the Krever commission hearing where RCMP admitted that it circulated information in violation of the confidentiality of health information. RCMP admitted to drawing up and circulating two letters to disrupt LSA./YS. Harry has challenged them with a third. This dirty trick represents a big break-out for our suit
Teachers- Report by Gord on rally in solidarity with two NDP B of E members charged with conflict of interest.

Report by Gord on teachers negotiations. President Head is supporting offer while OSSTF is opposing. Gord taking his distance from scurrilous leaflet issued by opposition elements and will express his opposition from the floor. Report adopted.
Forward---Report on a series of effective distributions--about 3,000 copies so far. We are getting ready for Editorial Board meeting this next ~~week~~ week.
Dues and pleadges collected.
Motion to adjourn-passed--about 11;15

passed

Minutes of Toronto branch March 25/79 started at 9:00 PM

Chair: Gord D. Secretary: John D.

Attendance: Present: Gord D., John D., Ross D., Wayne R., Ellie K., Dale R.
absent with reason: Harry K.

Membership & Contacts: Dave P - no contact recently, no report. M/C Gord to try to contact. Abie W. sent copy of a letter to Ross stating he is unilaterally taking a leave of absence. Discussion. M/C to refer matter to next branch meeting.

Minutes: of previous meeting Mar 11 adopted as read.

NDP

MTAC: Discussion on upcoming conference. Plenty of interest but main issues likely to be structural -- setting up of new ward formations, possible full time functionary and metro-wide newsletter. Discussion of possible caucusing of left.

Spencer-Fisher Defence: Fund Raising social planned. Gord reported on defence petition.

-Discussion on Simon R.'s proposal that Forward contribute to discussion on Quebec at fall NDP convention.

-Discussion on contestation of NDP ~~Financial~~ leadership's budget at Harry P.'s riding and how we can support.

OSSTF: Gord reported on anti-cutbacks leaflet put out by CPL. Reported that he had sponsored leaflet which later turned out to be CPL leaflet.
Discussion on elections and resolutions.

FUND DRIVE: M/C that Wayne and Gord be struck off to prepare Fund Drive campaign for this year.

~~EDUCATIONAL~~

EDUCATIONAL: M/C to drop Abie's education on his document.
M/C to present Hvow we present our position on Quebec in the NDP, John D. speaker.
Next meeting. R.D suggested we take a topic for discussion from SWP-GB journal

Topic ~~of report of SWP-GB journal with Ross tabled to next meeting.~~

KREVER COMMISSION:
Ross reported going to see [redacted] in Montreal next weekend. Ross on CBC radio interview on case.

NON-ZIONIST JEWS: Gord reported on progress toward a joint meeting with Palestime Rights Defence meeting. Discussion on continuing Alliance as a separate organization.

Teachers: Gord repotted on OSSTF elections. Discussion on his running as local president, or on Dist. Exec. ppost.

Next mmeeting: Sunday April 8th after MTAC conference.

ADJOURNMENT: at 10:40 PM

Minutes of Branch Meeting -- April 16, 1979:

1. Chairperson: Dave P. Secretary: Homily.

2. Minutes:
   -m/c to adopt minutes of Feb. 11, 1979; Feb. 25, 1979; Mar. 25, 1979

3. Membership:
   -discussion of Abie's scurrilous letter attacking the Forward Group on petty and personal grounds--circulated widely by Abie
   -m/c to drop Abie as an enemy of the Forward Group
   -m/c to send a letter informing him of his status

4. NDP
   -reports on educational meetings being held in St. George, Trinity, Beaches, and Spadina
   -report on NDP North York leaflet to intervene in council meeting on future direction for N.Y. by Gord
   -reports from Rosedale, Trinity, Spadina, and Don Valley East
   -discussion on our approach to the question of minority government
   -overall evaluation of Broadbent campaign -- weak in program but raising level of political consciousness on industrial strategy issue

5. Finances
   -m/c to table till next meeting the discussion of the Forward Fund Drive

6. RCMP
   -report of Ross' intervention at Krever commission and on Montreal witness of RCMP infiltration of LSO

7. New Business
   -discussion of Forward

Minutes Forward Group May 6, 1979

Chairperson Bob K Secretary Ross D
Attendance-- Ross D, Bob K, Gord D, Calvin J,
Ellie and Wayne will be late, John D ill, Harry K ill

Minutes not available

Membership and contacts-- Gord reportedon a school teacher contact formerly of Montreal

NDP--- Ross reported on a joint letter circulated by Heap and Sparrow attempting to explain their rotten position to the owners at 40 Homewood. on the projects slated to be built to the North of them. He and Middleton have agreed to call a meeting, and to prepare a reply for after the federal election. It was agreed that Ross raise it in Ward 6 NDP next meeting.

Federal Election campaign--reports by various comrades of the campaign in their ridings. It was agreed to try and open up some discussions on the so called responsible corporate citizens such as McMillan-Bloedel that Broadbent is talking about and the non-public ownership line of his Restore Canada to Canadians propaganda.

Decided to do as large a distribution of Forward as possible to the homes with NDP signs in certain key ridings where we think the signs have some significance. Wayneand Ellie report on very good response they got doing this in Windsor over the weekend. Agreed to carry off a distribution at the Toronto social affair as persons came out

Teachers--a discussion on the significance of the mass action by Toronto's secondary school teachers which forced the board to back off on layoffs. About 250 copies of the paper were distributed at the OISE assembly area

Gord reported on recent developments in his teachers area--his support of the CPL candidates who have pulled back on their party label line and the leaflets that he has been preparing and circulating in his school

Nuclear Power---discussion on recent developments and their new potential particularly in light of the mass mobilization in Washington and the probability of Kennedy taking it up. Agreed to follow developments here closely, to promote interest in the NDP and to get involved in the June 2 demo at Darlington, near Oshawa. Position in our latest issue is a moratorium on nuclear power development

Good and Welfare - Report on Marxist Insttitute symposium on the Left and the Federal Elections--50 copies of paper distributed, Heap's rebuttal good but it was agreed to write the MI suggesting that they should have asked us to participate from the platform as revolutionary Marxists who claim that all should be active in the NDP and not just critical or conditional supporters at certain junctures sushc as this federal election. Penner spoke for the RWL which is running several candidates including himself and someone in Rosedale in the Toronto area. Hans Blumenfeld though a member of the NDP is running in the Rosedale riding --single issue against the arms drive. Report by Clavin on the situation in his local anddiscussion that he and Ross had with Fred.C.

Motion to adjourn---passed

Minutes of Branch Meeting -- May 27, 1979: 8:10 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Bob K. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: present -- Gord, John G., Bob, John D., Dale, Wayne, Ellie.
   -late with reason -- Ross. Absent with reason -- Harry K.

3. Membership:
   -report on Brantford contact, Delassy, by John G.

4. Forward Fund Drive:
   -m//c that FFD goal be $5,000
   -m/c that FFD closing date be July 31.
   -m/c that Gord and Homily co-ordinate FFD

5. Educationals:
   -m/c that John D.'s educational on Sovereignty-Association for Quebec be postponed until next branch meeting
   -m/c that Dale present tonight's internal on the recent federal election

6. MTAC Convention:
   -report by Dale on MTAC Convention coming up on June 9 and 10
   -presentation by Gord on constitutional amendments in order to intervene on the fundamental politics of MTAC
   -m/c to hold a pre-convention discussion on MTAC -- to be held Tues. June 5th at the HQ
   -Gord and Dale will co-ordinate caucus meeting

7. Forward Distributions:
   -report on door-to-door distributions during election
   -about 4,000 copies are estimated to have been distributed so far

8. Teachers Report: by Gord
   -report on Scarborough OSSTF -- contradictory, but possibility of left caucus at district level including CPLers, but not likely to include Jim McQueen and Bob Davis (seem to have become inactive)
   -report on local elections at Cole Steel -- Fred was defeated for President but was elected as Labor Council Delegate and Calvin was re-elected to executive

9. Educational on Elections:
   -leadership campaign of NDP was right-wing but raised the issues without presenting socialist solutions
   -media-oriented leadership campaign was counter-productive in terms of building cadre and winning "undedideds" over to NDP
   -Ontario result demonstrated weakness of NDP -- Tories and Liberals split the seats posing problem for NDP in Metro Toronto
   -election demonstrated a crisis of the 2 bourgeois parties in terms of resolving a majority national party

10. Theatre Night:
   -m/c to organize a theatre night for the play OCCUPATIONS for Friday, June 8 and a party afterwards at Homily's
   -Homily and Gord will co-ordinate

11. Summer Schedule:
   -leave of absence for Dale from June 15 to July 3
   -leave of absence for Ellie and Wayne from July 1 to August 14
   -m/c to propose Wednesday nights for branch meetings for the summer
   -m/c to hold an editorial board meeting on Sunday evening coming

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12. New Business:
   -m/c to distribute Forward at the Darlington anti-nuclear power plant demonstration
   -m/c that comrades work in their ridings to organize NDP contingents to the Darlington demonstration combined with a picnic afterwards

13. Adjournment at 10:20 p.m.

Minutes of Branch Meeting: June 13, 1979:

1. Chairperson: Gord. Secretary: Homily.

2. Attendance: present-~~XXXXXX~~ Harry K., Homily, Gord, John D.,
   -absent with reason -- Dale, Wayne, and Ellie
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3. Membership and Čontacts
   -agreed to send a notice of meeting for next branch meeting with survey for choices of meeting nights for the summer
   -theatre night and social was well attended
   -m/c to hold a Forward Group barbecue at Harry K's on July 15 at 2:30 p.m.
   -m/c to hold Camp Poundmaker weekend on Aug. 4/5 weekend
   -m/c to move towards recruitment talk with Bill Allen and that Wayne discuss this with him

4. NDP
   -report on MTAC conference by Gord -- convention reflected party activists rather than left/rignt split; fraction meeting helped considerably in carrying clear positions into the convention by our comrades
   -report by Gord on ONDP educational cttee conference of trustees and teachers hosted by Ted Bounsall
   -report by Ross on 40 Homewood-- Heap-Sparrow aren't supporting Homewood residents' opposition to new development although concession made to supporting tenants' opposition to parking entrance on street, which has led to split with Metro Council on this issue

5. RCMP Case
   --report on Ross' and Harry's submissions to Krever Commission

6. OSSTF
   -report on OSSTF support for demonstration against cutbacks of children's services in Ontario
   -discussion of proposal that Gord apply for position of editor of District 16 newspaper -- comrades generally opposed because of heavy demands on time

7. Forward Fund Drive
   -report that $1,370 pledged and that campaign is just getting underway

8. Educationals
   -Quebec educational postponed till next branch meeting and scheduled as first item of meeting

9. Nuclear
   -report on anti-Darlington nuclear demos -- good response to Forward
   -m/c that next internal after Quebec be on our line on Nuclear power to be given by Homily

10. New Business
    -next branch meeting scheduled for June 27

11. Adjournment at 11:00 p.m.

Minutes of Branch Meeting: July 18, 1979: 8:50 p.m.

1. Chairperson: John G. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: absent with reason -- Wayne, Ellie, Alice, John D., Calvin.
-present -- Gord, Ross, Dale, John G., Harry K.
-absent -- Dave, Homily, Bill

3. NDP
-federal convention discussion--report that Simon Rosenblum and Jim Turk are jointly spearheading a position paper on nationalization and workers' control for circulation within the party for the convention
--report that Simon has lined up contributors for a special 4-page paper on Quebec with him and Wayne R. as co-editors and Mel Watkins and Henry Milner as contributors
--problems raised on Quebec paper: what is Forward's relation to it?, what have Wayne and Simon agreed upon in terms of line and supporters?, how is the paper to be funded?, what other NDP figures, e.g. John Harney, have been considered as contributors?
--m/c that Gord contact Wayne on the Quebec paper to answer concerns
--m/c to refer convention resolutions till next branch meeting, including a resolution on Quebec and organizing a caucus on nationalization
-report on upcoming founding meeting of NDP North York by Gord
-report by Harry K. on growing friction between riding activists and NDP provincial office -- discussion of Wilson Heights' sponsoring of a resolution on budget priorities for building the NDP as a movement

4. Homewood Community Organization
-report by Ross on organization and petition campaign to stop the project

5. Socialist Rights Defence Campaign
-report on recent responses to fund-raising on the campuses
-Law Union is now actively supporting the case and has agreed to push ahead to move the case to the court stage,i.e. to win the idea of having a legitimate case in the examinations for discovery

6. Forward Fund Drive
-move that fund drive end on Aug. 31
-report by Gord on progress of drive (achieved slightly less than $2,000 in pledges to date and most has been collected)

7. Socials
-m/c to proceed with Camp Poundmaker weekend for Aug. 4 and 5
-m/c to hold a social at Harry K's on Sun., July 29 at 3 p.m.

....July 18 minutes continued

8. Trade Union
-report by Harry K. on Wilson Heights NDP participation in North York outside workers' strike
-report by Harry K. on union-organizing campaign for transit workers for handicapped

9. Adjournment at 10:50 p.m.

Minutes of Branch Meeting: August 8/79: 8:45 p.m.

1. Chairperson: Dale. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: late with reason -- Harry K. Absent with reason -- Wayne, Ellie, Alice. Present -- Ross, John D., Bob, Gord, Dale. Absent -- Calvin, Bill, Dave, Harry P.

3. Minutes and Correspondence:
   -Wayne's letter from Sudbury was read and filed
   -meeting expressed concern over Wayne's publishing of an article in the Star without consultation with comrades
   -discussion of Wayne's decision with Simon on putting out a tabloid on Quebec for NDP convention -- questions to be clarified: Is it part of Forward? What is its line? What is its aim? Who is sponsoring the paper?
   -m/c that Gord discuss these questions with Wayne
   -Harry K. and Gord will co-edit next issue of Forward because Wayne requested leave from editing that issue -- next edit. board Meeting will be on Sun. Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

4. Forward:
   -discussion of debate on nuclear article of last issue -- necessary to clarify the issues through an internal educational to be given by Bob

5. Turk-Rosenblum Resolution on Public Ownership
   -resolution was read by Dale
   -formulated in context of industrial strategy
   -resolution lays basis for left caucus
   -resolution to be mailed out to riding with key supporters' names (reported by Dale)
   -m/c to endorse general line of resolution and to promote it

6. Forward Fund Drive
   -Gord agreed to assign comrades to personally contact people for FFD

7. Federal NDP Convention:
   -discussion of possible delegateships for comrades -- Dale, Harry K., and Gord may be delegates while John D. and Ross may get alternate delegateships
   -resolutions topics for our consideration: abortion, INCO and Imperial Oil, Nuclear Power, Bill C-8, RCMP and Official Secrets Act, Immigration
   -Ross pointed out a 1972 NDP federal resolution which recognized Quebec as a nation and called for a constitutional convention to chart Canada's course
   -m/c that our line for Quebec resolution be:
      -re-affirm party's former position that Que. is a nation
      -re-affirm party's former position that Que. is an oppressed nation
      -re-affirm Que.'s right to decide the sovereignty-association referendum without outside interference and NDP oppose calling for "no" vote
      -NDP pledge to accept and negotiate sovereignty-association if referendum passes
      -NDP oppose federal referendum on Quebec
      -together these positions constitute national self-determination
   -m/c that Ross formulate Que. resolution for next branch meeting
   -m/c that our line on nationalization for INCO and Imperial Oil be

that the party commit itself to it and campaign for the nationalization of Imperial Oil and INCO
-m/c that Dale prepare nationalization resolution for next branch meeting
-m/c to table abortion issue because of uncertainty that a resolution will pass through the Resolutions Committee since it is already party policy
-m/c to table nuclear power resolutions because of disagreement over issue of uranium mining
-m/c that Immigration Resolution be referred to next branch meeting
-m/c that Ross prepare resolution on Bill C-8

8. Adjournment at 10:35 p.m.

MINUTES Of TORONTO BRANCH - Aug. 22/79 at 8 PM

Chair: Homily Secretary: John D.

Attendance: Ed A. seated as obsverver. Dale late, Harry, Wayne and Ellie not back ffom holidays. Alice not heard from .

Minutes: of last meeting, Aug. 8th read, and adopted.

Fund Drive: Gord reported we are still well over $1000 short of goal. Some comrades not yet pledged, some pledged but not paid and a number of contacts not yet responded or contacted. Decision to follow up lists of contacts.

Reports: Ross reported on meetng for support of Sandinistas where we distributed Forward. Many left tendencies there with papers.

Discussion of distribution of old issue at Labor Day rally. Paper dated but useful. M/C 4 or 5 comrades distribute in Toronto while Ross and John G. distribute in Hamilton.

Ross reported on meeting with Coldwater comrades who carry on educational work and read Trotskyist press. Collected $100 for fund drive. They are circulating Forward

Gord reported on Teachers Conference attended by Rozi. Low-keyed, limited progress for militants.

Educational: Homily on our Position on Nuclear Power - for a Referendum and concept of workers control over safety. Discussion on topic and resolution drafted by Ross for coming NDP conference. Resolution adopted.

(Homily excused from meeting at this point.)

NDP. Resolutions for coming convention discussed. Ross reported on RCMP resolution drawn up by Harry K., amended by Ross. Discussion, decision to reconsider presentation.

Ross reported on Quebec resolution he had been instructed to draw upand a resolution drawn up by Dale and Luke, the latter starting off from the assumption that the NDP has already a position of favoring self-determination for Quebec. Discussion on wisdom of such an approach. ~~Issue not resolved, both resolutions to be put forward.~~ Quebec resolution adopted.

Adjournment: at 11:00 PM

Adopted Aug 30/79 as amended

MINUTES OF BRANCH MEETING -- SEPT. 14, 1979: 8:50 P.M.

1. Chairperson: John D. Secretary: Gord.

2. Attendance: Present -- John D., Ross, Harry K., Gord.
absent with reason: Ellie and Wayne. Absent -- Dale, Dave, Bill, Harry p., Calvin, Homily

3. Forward Fund Drive:
-report by Gord that we have attained about $3,000 or 60% of goal
-m/c to mail out envelope and letter to contacts who haven't given money up till now with next mailing

4. Financial Report:
-m/c that Gord and John D. work out a budgetary report on Forward Group at next branch meeting

5. RCMP Update:
-report by Harry K. and Ross on SRDF lawsuit
-current stage: procedural wrangling over proceeding to trial
-report that our pressure resulted in provincial attorney-general committing OPP to investigate RCMP
-report on meeting with McDonald Commission
-tasks before law suit case as we move to court trial: money and broader support through new publicity initiatives

6. Trade Union:
-OWW-fall conference faltering because of factionalism and red-baiting
-still continuing to function
-International Women's Day group is attracting defectors
-Labor Day-report on Forward distributions in Hamilton and Toronto

7. Disantos' Letter:
-m/c that we allocate space in Forward for this letter
-reports on ridings
-evaluation of state of NDP - general malaise (activists dumping wards, inactive ridings)
-Harry K. to get in touch with Disantos, Mary Boyce, and Dale Rich will get in touch with Jim Turk
-m/c to approve that Ross run for Rosedale NDP executive and for position of alternate delegate to federal convention

8. Resolutions to NDP Convention:
-m/c to endorse Broadbent's Petrocan line
-m/c to endorse line of Trinity NDP riding's resolution of

support of CUPW'S illegal strike
-Ross will be presenting a resolution for Canadian disarmament

9. Branch Night:
-m/c to hold Sunday night branch meetings beginning on Sept. 30

10. Adjournment at 11:15 p.m.

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING - FORWARD GROUP - SUNDAY SEPT. 30/79 at 8:20 PM

Chair: Wayne

Sedretary: John D

Attendance: Wayne, John D., Gord , Ross. Harry K phoned in unable to attend.
AWR: Dale, Dave, Homily

Minutes: of meeting of Aug. 22 adopted as amended.
of meeting of Sept. 14 adopted as information.

Federal Convention.

Ross reported on Rosedale Federal meeting. Success with resolutions, defeated exec. on attempt to cut back size of executive. Not elected as delegate.

Gord reported on his rdiding, elected delegate but his resolutions went unseconded.

Wayne reported on Spadina riding, where he opposed pre-convention nomination of John Foster as candidate. Confederation resolution accepted, Heap resolution on public ownership won. Wayne elected ~~delegate~~ alternate.

We have 5 delegates, 2 alternates.

Reported that Harry K got RCMP resolution passed in his riding.

Provincial Council: Discusion on what we can achieve. Reported new Dutska document attacking Provincial office. Defends Regina Manifesto. We have 5 delegates to council, possibility of left caucus coalescing. M/C to get Harry to and Dale to contact DiSanto and Turk regarding speaking out on their positions.

MTAC: Gord reported on moves to dump ward organizations. Plan to set up municipal newsletter. Also plan suburban MTAC-like bodies. Report of various resolutions brought forward.

Press: Forward out, 4000 run with DiSanto document. Report of distributions planned.

Forward Fund Drive: Gord reported no budget drawn up yet. Should complete for next meeting. M/C go through list of names and check out pledges.

Educational: M/C Ellie be asked to give talk on nuclear power question based on Changes article (IS paper)

Information: Meetings and rallies noted for distributions.

Adjournment: at 10:30 PM

Adopted as corrected Oct 19/79

MINUTES OF BRANCH MEETING -- OCT. 4, 1979: 8:30 P.M.

1. Chairperson: Wayne Secretary: Gord.

2. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Sept. 14 as amended

3. Attendance: Present -- Wayne, Ross, Ellie, Gord.
absent with reason: Harry K.,John D.

4. NDP:
-discussion of federal NDP convention -- generally radical character
-m/c to transform next branch meeting into a discussion of resolutions with comrades and close contacts - report to be given on significance of resolutions, left caucus meeting, and allocation of our forces in various workshops (Wayne and Gord assigned to do this)
-report on medicare campaign
-report by Gord on NDP North York Opening Conference
-discussion of NDP Left Caucus -- our position should be that there is no cause for disputing left wing

5. Socialist Rights Defence Fund:
-court hearing this coming Tuesday

6. Financial Report:
-m/c that Gord give a dynamic report for next branch meeting

New Business:
-deferred discussion of Christmas social
-Gord reported that NDP Municipal conference is scheduled for Nov. 30 - Dec. 1

8. Adjournment at 9:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF TORONTO BRANCH MEETING FORWARD GROUP, FRI. OCT. 19/79 at 8:30 PM

Chair: ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Harry K.
Secretary: John D.
Minutes of Sept. 30 adopted as corrected.
Attendance: Harry K., John D., Homily K., Wayne R., Ellie K., Ross D.
Excused: Gord. AWR: Dave, Dale.
Correspondence: Ross reported letter from RWL requesting placing 6 to 8 names on SRDF letterhead, Ross replied suggesting 1 or 2 be place there; no answer received as yet.
No reportage of case in Socialist Voice.
Ross reported sending back paper of a possible ~~Bourgeoiste~~ Bordiguist tendency which slanders Trotskyist movement after it was placed in bookstore.

SRDF can't publish names without demonstrating support in Socialist Voice

NDP - Provincial Council Meeting:

Harry K. reported. Confrontation between prov. office and MTAC did not materialize, budget fight postponed, so that proceedings were very routine. Leadership presented medicare campaign as main emphasis of activity in period ahead.

--reported on meeting of left elements, who ran for three vacancies to executive. One, Wires, elected, another defeated in close fight. DiSanto and Dutska both responded postively to interest in their documents, the former ~~xxx~~ among 25 who attended meeting. Meeting in favor of left caucus being formed, wanted discussion on DiSanto, Dutske and Turk resolutions, wanted an organized left. Disanto proposed written dialogue. Meeting set for 1 pm Sat. 20.

--Forward got good response at distribution

--Discussion on Saturday meeting. M/C that meeting discuss the 3 documents and set up a co-ordinating committee to circulate them and organize for the future. Harry K., Gord, Ellie and Wayne to attend.

NDP - Women's committee:

committee to organize contingent for Oct. 23 demo on cutbacks

NDP - Riding Reports

Ross reported on Ward 6 meeting, at which Ellie elected to executive.
Ross reported on St. George Riding with negative educational on how artists can make way in media world.
--Ellie reported on St.Davids/St. Anne
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SRDF: Harry K. reported on campaign progress. Ross got interview with Star reporter, could result in important article.

Finances: John D. reported on his and Gord's attempts to draw up a budget for the next period. Tabled until next meeting.

New Business: Harry K. reported on Marxist Institute class on the Jewish Question.
Edit. Board meeting set for next Tuesday night.
Report on RWL meeting with Iranian trotskyist at which 80 present. Narrow representation on speakers stand considering wide union endorsement. Forward distributed, well received.
Wayne reported on his and Simon's editing of special publication on Quebec for fall NDP convention. Most articles ready. Wayne to write as well and discuss line with movement.

Adjournment: at 10:30 PM

MINUTES OF TORONTO BR. MEETING SUNDAY DEC. 2 at 8:45 PM

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Chair: Gord D.
Secretary: John D.
Attendance: Harry K. out of town, Dave P. working, John G. sick, Lois sick; Bill M., Calvin and Dale not contacted.
Present: Gord D., John D, Wayne & Ellie R., Homily K., Ross D.

Membership & Contacts:

Wayne reported on Simon. Unwilling to join a Trotskyist group, but generally moving closer to us. Discussion. M/C that Gord carry on discussion with him on politics, particulary question of the State, with long-range recruitment prospect in mind.
Wayne reported on Ed R. who has requested to join the group, working with Also Ian, a prof at Hamilton. Discussion on reading for Ed M/C Wayne will move to recuit him; wait for further experiences with Ian.

Convention:

Discussion - evaluation of our role and effectiveness of Left Caucus, led off by Wayne. We played leadership role in left caucus.
--Discussion of Left Caucus, evaluation of its role in the convention. We had to push it to take position on Quebec, but on this question and others it reacted in disciplined, cohesive fashion.
--Discussion on where the Left is going, possible future action to maintain caucus through a newsletter. Gord is on co-ordination board.

Forward:

Production is in progress for December issue, hope to get it out this week.

Good & Welfare:

Leaves of absences for the holiday period: Wayne & Ellie from Dec.10 to 23rd; Homily from 25th to Jan 8th; Gord from 21st to early Jan.

Adjournement: at 1105 PM